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Police reject deal with IRA gang holding hostages in siege flat

of four gunmen still barricaded with two hostages in a in Central London last night after a police chase on irday was believed to be a man. named by Scotland Yard *Michael Wilson. who is wanted in connexion with the* recent murder of Mr Ross McWhirter. The besieging police, some of whom were taking cover behind an old, engineless armoured car lent by a local resident, refused to make any deal with the gang.

Michael Wilson is believed to be one of four gunmen

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wooden door and six feet no-man's-land last night ated 100 armed policemen four IRA gunmen and a e-aged *couple* held hos- n a flat in central London. man named by Scotland as Michael Wilson, wanted onexion with the murder r Ross McWhirter, was ed to be one of the gang. ce, who ringed the first- flat. 22b Balcombe Street, larylebone, with armed men, were convinced that ur men *holding* Mr John Matthews, aged 54, and fe, Shaila, aged 53, were of an IRA "cell" which past 18 months has been sible for a series of bomb un attacks in London and me Counties.

gunmen, who were l through the streets of l London and the West n Saturday night before were cornered and forced andon a stolen car, had demand for a safe "car" athrow and a flight to d rejected by Sir Robert Commissioner of the politan Police. "There e no deals", the gunmen told.

gunmen and their ges were barricaded last into the front living room flat.

Robert, who described the n as "ordinary, vulgar als who are not going to where except to a cell in n Prison", ruled out any ility that a mediator be used. "I cannot e anyone wishing to want as a mediator with these ", he said.

en we arrest the people t room, as we certainly hey will be charged with hich you would describe rorism. They will be treated and be given a ial.

"Our prime consideration in this whole affair is to avoid bloodshed and [to obtain] the safe recovery of the two hostages. We are prepared to surround that flat until these people see reason".

He was adamant that no food would be sent in unless medical advice *suggested* that it should be. However, water and a mobile lavatory were supplied.

A direct land line telephone link was *lowered* to an open window of the siege flat just before dusk yesterday and police reported later that they had established a "dialogue" with a man who speaks with an Irish accent. Only one of the four men had spoken to police up to last night and he was reported to be "calm but with a command of invective".

Nearly 30 people living in the same council-owned block of flats and from some flats opposite were evacuated so that police marksmen could take up firing positions from all possible vantage points. Dogs and armed detectives were waiting outside the door of flat 22B and listening devices were hidden in the block to catch snatches of conversation.

Soon after the telephone link was established, police were able to speak with the couple being held hostage. "They are quiet and not very forthcoming", Commander Roy Habershon, head of the Yard's bomb squad, said last night. After dark the flat was floodlit by police.

Mr Peter Walton, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, said last night that he thought Michael Wilson was "highly likely to be inside the flat", although he could not be sure.

Mr Walton said: "We hope *to establish an eventual rapport* with the gunmen so that we can get them to surrender without harming the hostages." He added that the gunmen had threatened to kill the hostages if the police burst in.

Two detectives running into the London siege block of flats yesterday. They are being covered by pistol-carrying colleagues, one of whom is wearing a bullet-proof jacket.

An old, engineless armoured car on a corner of Balcombe Street opposite the flats recalls the 1911 Siege of Sidney Street. The car is a collector's piece, housed in Huntsworth Mews nearby and wheeled out by a proud owner for one last service in action. Behind the khaki armoured plate, detectives keep watch.

The four gunmen fell into a carefully planned trap set by Scotland Yard senior detectives who were convinced that IRA terrorists would choose the weekend to continue their campaign of violence against restaurants in the West End.

Hundreds of officers, many armed and in plain clothes, were drafted into the area simply to cruise the streets watching for suspcious vehicles. They did not know at the time, but at 7.30 on Saturday evening a blue Ford Cortina was stolen from outside a house in Porten Road, Notting Hill, West London.

That car was seen being driven along Mount Street, Mayfair, by a police "Q" car 90 minutes later. A radio message was passed from the police car to Scotland Yard because the vehicle's slow speed had aroused suspicion. The car was kept under observation, and other police vehicles in the area were also alerted.

As the stolen Cortina approached Scotts Restaurant which was recently bombed by terrorists, two shots were fired

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Bill to help incurables who want to die

By Our Political Staff

A Bill which is described as seeking "to enlarge and declare the rights of patients to be delivered from incurable suffering", introduced in the House of Lords by Lady Wootton of Abinger, who is a member of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, was published yesterday.

It would permit a person to make a written declaration that if at some future time he became, by reason of brain damage or degeneration, permanently incapable of giving directions, he should be regarded as refusing to receive life-sustaining treatment. The person would declare in advance that in the event of his becoming so incapable he would not wish to receive such treatment. His statement would be attested by two witnesses.

Another clause states that an incurable patient, with his consent and notwithstanding any refusal to receive intensive care or other life-sustaining treatment, shall be "entitled to receive whatever quantity of drugs may be required to give him full relief from pain and physical distress, and to be rendered unconscious if no other treatment is effective to give relief".

Under the Bill a person would be "an incurable patient" if he was judged by his doctor "to be suffering without any reasonable prospect of cure from a distressing physical illness or disability that he finds intolerable".

A clause entitled "Self deliverance to be regarded as death by misadventure", states that an incurable patient who causes his own death with an overdose or other intentional action shall be deemed to have died by misadventure.

The Bill would provide that "no person shall be under any duty to interfere with any course of action taken by an incurable patient to relieve his suffering in a manner likely to cause his own death, and any interference intentionally undertaken contrary to the known wishes of the patient shall be unlawful".

Lady Wootton, hopeful of a speedy passage for the Bill, proposes that it shall come into force on June 1, 1976. She is likely, however, to run into the same kind of opposition as that encountered by the Euthanasia Bill in 1969. That was rejected in the Lords by 61 votes to 40.

Madrid show of police strength shakes liberals' faith in King

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Dec 7

The hopes of liberal Spaniards that King Juan Carlos will be able to bring democracy to Spain were *shaken here today* by a strong display of force by the police and by the rearrest of a popular opposition leader who was released from prison only a week ago on a pardon granted by the King.

Señor Marcelino Camacho, was taken into custody in Madrid when a small army of police turned out to prevent a demonstration in favour of an amnesty for political prisoners.

Señor Camacho, a 57-year-old lathe operator, and a leader of the illegal trade union organiza*tion known as the Workers* Commissions, was arrested on a street near his home about half an hour before the scheduled start of the unauthorized demonstration.

The police said tonight that he had been held for directing and organizing the demonstration. But according to Señor Camacho's family, he had gone out merely to buy a newspaper.

He was the second important member of the Workers Commissions to be put behind bars again despite the king's pardon. *The first was Father Francisco* García-Salve, a Roman Catholic worker priest who was arrested last Friday when about 1,000 persons gathered at the railway station to welcome him back from prison.

About 1,000 policemen, some in the green uniform of the paramilitary Civil Guard forces, others in the grey uniform of the security police, took part in today's well-coordinated operation in the vicinity of Carabanchel prison, where the unauthorized demonstration had been expected to take place.

Backed up by at least two sections of men on horseback, a spotter helicopter, about a half-dozen water cannon, and dozens of vehicles, the heavily-armed policemen took up posi*tions on all roads and streets* leading to the prison.

They turned back persons walking in that direction. They surrounded the exits of underground railway stations as much as four stops before the prison.

There was an unusual number of persons on the streets of the Carabanchel district for a Sunday morning, but there was no demonstration: the police saw to that. Most of the strollers were young men and women.

Club - wielding policemen charged briskly *into gathering* groups thumping hard. About 100 people were taken into custody.

Pedestrians were stopped for random identification checks as far as a mile away from the prison. Policemen flagged down some cars in the vicinity of the prison and demanded proof of identity.

Among the many taken into custody were three members of an American Broadcasting Company television crew. Irish and Belgian television men were *also reported to have been* detained.

The day's incidents, combined with the banning of lectures and prohibitions of meetings of community associations, the dispersing of strikers by police at a Madrid factory on Friday, are all bound to raise doubts about whose authority is greater: that of the police or the King.

While the police were rounding up would-be demonstrators outside the prison, opponents

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Lebanon lapses into renewed anarchy

From Paul Martin
Beirut, Dec 7

Lebanon lapsed back into anarchy as Christian and Muslim gunmen opened a new, vicious campaign of sectarian killings, dragging innocent victims from cars and shooting them on the spot. More than 100 people were kidnapped and killed and often mutilated.

The country was again paralysed, with gunmen erecting new barricades in the streets of the capital. All citizens were warned by Beirut radio to stay at home as no street in the capital was safe. "This barbarism is against the very concept of humanity", the radio declared.

The sectarian nature of this new wave of violence has seriously undermined the efforts of Mr Rashid Karami, the Prime Minister, to get the warring parties to the negotiating table and breathe life back into the country. After two weeks of some measure of calm, punctuated by sporadic clashes and kidnappings, the search for peace is back where it started.

The kidnappings and vengeance murders started when five right-wing Christian Phalangists were found murdered. Roadblocks sprung up all over Christian areas of the capital and other parts of the country and Muslims were abducted, many being shot on the spot.

This led to a campaign of reprisals by Muslim gunmen. One bank employee, rescued by the Army from his office in the city centre where he was trapped by fighting, saw eight motorists hauled from their cars and shot dead at the roadside. Although more than 150 kidnap victims have yet to be accounted for, at least 100 bodies have been found so far.

A spokesman for the Phalangist Party admitted that things had got out of hand, blaming "small units which showed lack of party discipline". He denounced the kidnappings and murders which he said were against "the wishes of the leadership".

Left-wing parties and the Palestine guerrillas held a meeting to discuss the deteriorating situation and gave a warning that "patience has limits". They called for the arrest of those behind the kidnap and murder campaign.

The Independent Nasserite Movement, led by Mr Ibrahim Koleilat, withdrew from the Supreme Coordination Committee, the only body able to tackle individual security problems. This has threatened to have a snowballing effect, causing more defections and robbing Mr Karami of his only remaining forum for dialogue.

ain terrorists free two hostages

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dam, Dec 7

Dutch authorities suc- in freeing two more s from the hijacked train n in Holland this after- ter promising to supply th Moluccan terrorists rd with food, drink, e, underclothes, cutlery rs.

ir, a retired Protestant an of 84, and his elderly re led on foot from the y Moluccan mediators d spent two hours talk- e gunmen.

nsterdam, however, the the Indonesian Consul- duced no worthwhile ons from either side 24 or so hostages there d closeted on the second d floors of the building e police had delivered ls of meat and potatoes oodlit front entrance.

ontinuing round of con- and counter-conces- *none* the less, having ct on Dutch society. many Dutchmen have manding the introduc- capital punishment for s, others have taken the familiar ritual of visitation, driving to village of Beilen in the seeing the hostages in the train and jam- e narrow road in the traffic.

town of Asten, south South Moluccan resi- requested—and were —an ecumenical ser- a Roman Catholic at which prayers were offered for the hostages, the gunmen and the three civilians who have been murdered at Beilen.

But such gestures of reconciliation did not prevent a young South Moluccan from being savagely beaten up by a crowd of Dutchmen at lunchtime outside Amsterdam's central station.

The police have, meanwhile, received advice from West German anti-terrorist specialists —some of them are rumoured to have been involved in the abortive attempt to free the Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics. But the Dutch Government still has no clear idea how many hostages are being held.

Ministry of Justice officials say that there are still between 32 and 35 people in the train being held by five or six terrorists. In the consulate there are at least 20 *adults* and *four* children, with six more gunmen. The only *perceptible step* taken by the authorities during the day to counteract the activities of the terrorists has been an operation by Dutch troops not far from Beilen.

Soldiers were seen staging a feint attack on an empty four-carriage train a few miles from the village, presumably a preparation for a real attack on the hijacked train. The operation was reported by the Dutch radio, which means that it is also known to the terrorists. This has already earned the radio authority a reproof from the Minister of Justice.

Today has not been without its bizarre moments. This morning, for instance, one of the terrorists at Beilen was seen standing on the roof of a carriage lowering and raising the pantograph which connects the electric locomotive to the overhead wires. One of his colleagues repeatedly blew the train's horn—for no accountable motive.

At one point, the police called up the terrorists on their field radio telling them the Dutch railways were concerned about their ability to continue to supply heat and light to the train if the gunmen continued to interfere with the electrical apparatus. A voice replied on the line that the South Moluccans wanted nothing to do with Dutch Railways.

According to the released clergyman, conditions on the train are still bearable, but the last two nights had been cold.

The four South Moluccan mediators who visited the train *today included the widow* of the former Moluccan "president" who was executed by the Indonesians.

Dr Johannes Manusama, the self-styled president of the South Moluccan Government in exile, also paid a visit.

He had sent a telegram to Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, asking that the world body should consider the Moluccans' case. He had also sent an appeal to the International Red Cross, asking for assistance.

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Stores are warned on fire bombs

Police yesterday warned West End stores in London to check their premises when they open this morning. An incendiary bomb went off in an Oxford Street store early yesterday and they fear similar devices may *have been planted in other* shops.

The bomb, at C & A Modes, set fire to clothing, but a sprinkler system put out the blaze before it could do extensive damage.

Some key holders of Oxford Street shops checked yesterday but police say that others should do so as soon as possible.

Venezuela hunt for monster

Caracas, Dec 7.—A five-man expedition has left for the water-logged jungles of southwest Venezuela to climb a 4,500ft rock tower reputed to be the home of a man-eating monster.

The expedition, sponsored by the Venezuelan Frontier Commission, includes Mr David Nott, a British journalist, who says that according to Indian legend, a cave in the rock is *the home of the monster* who descends at night, seeking unwary humans.—UPI.

Massacre reports as Timor capital falls

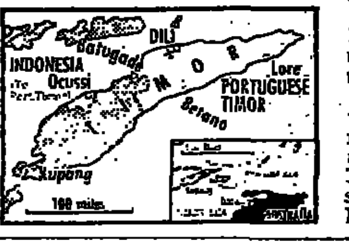
Jakarta, Dec 7.—Indonesia sent its troops today to East Timor with pro-Indonesian Timorese forces, and captured the capital of Dili from the leftist Fretilin independence movement.

Mr Malik, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, told reporters today: "The Indonesians had *been requested by the four* (pro-Indonesian) parties to help to restore security in Dili." These groups are the Timorese Democratic Union (UDT) and the Apodeti, Kota and Trabalista parties.

He added that pro-Indonesian forces were soon expected to take other towns to the east of Dili.

In a statement tonight the Indonesian Government said it could not prevent "Indonesian volunteers from helping their brothers in East Timor in the struggle to liberate themselves from Fretilin oppression".

Mr Malik renewed his country's pledge that the people of East Timor would be able to decide on their own future. "Whether they want to reaffirm their wish to be part of Indonesia or something else, it is up to them."



Reports reaching Fretilin sources in Darwin spoke of 1,000 Indonesian paratroops and Indonesian warships landing Marines.

The extent of the casualties was not disclosed in Jakarta. *Mr Malik said that* women and children had been killed in Dili by the retreating Fretilin troops for assisting pro-Indonesian elements in the operation.—Reuter

Lisbon, Dec 7.—The Portuguese radio said that heavy fighting had raged inside Dili throughout the morning. The town hall and telecommunications centre had fallen to the Indonesians and all messages ceased abruptly after three hours. The broadcast accused the Indonesians of killing women and children indiscriminately in the streets.

The last words from Dili, monitored by the Portuguese radio, were: "We are going to be killed. Do something. Do something".

President Costa Gomes, of Portugal, called an urgent meeting of his top advisers today to discuss the invasion.

Lisbon, Dec 7.—Portugal tonight broke off diplomatic relations with Indonesia as a result of the invasion of East *Timor, a Government statement* said.—Agence France-Presse, Reuter and UPI.

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civil servants have told the uncillors' committee consid- ventions governing the pub- of ministerial memoirs that should not be named in such hat view is prompted by the n today of the first volume rd Crossman's memoirs, in clash of wills between Mr and Lady Sharp, his Perma- cretary, is disclosed. On Mr Heath said the diaries malicious attacks on civil Page 5; Review, page 12

welcome for Herrema

Herrema was given a hero's yesterday in Limerick, in Republic, where he was on October 3. The Dutch ist, who was kept captive ys, is to return to work in oday. Page 2

NUS secretary is voted out of a post

Allegations of a pro-Moscow bias in international affairs by the National Union of Students led to the removal of Miss Susan Slipman, the general secretary, from *her post as convener* of the international policy group at the union's conference yesterday. Miss Slipman is a member of the Communist Party Page 4

PLO's rosier vision

Palestinian guerrillas, after their recent diplomatic victories, are confident that they will be integrated with the Middle East peacemaking process next year. They have received encouraging signs from the United States, which previously demonstrated a hostile attitude to them Page 6

Saving marriages

Three Lancashire women have established Britain's first "family crisis centre", whose object is to help to mend broken marriages and aid battered wives. They claim to have saved seven marriages from breaking up in the first month of their operations Page 4

Australians forecast easy Fraser victory

Political commentators in Australia are expecting the Liberal-Country Party coalition, led by Mr Malcolm Fraser, to win easily the general election next Saturday. They are basing this on opinion poll forecasts, but Mr Gough Whitlam and his Labour Party supporters are still showing surprising confidence that they will win Page 7

Tory censure move

Strong Tory pressure is being put on the Shadow Cabinet to table a censure motion or arrange a Supply debate on the Government's reported plan to cut defence spending Page 4

State's cash fears

New York City's financial crisis has eased, Mr Hugh Carey, the Governor, said yesterday. But he added that New York state faced serious financial problems of its own. Page 7

Texaco in price war

Texaco, Britain's fourth largest oil supplier, joined the fuel price-cutting war last night when it put 5p on a gallon of gas oil and 3p on fuel oil. Shell, British Petroleum and Mobil all announced larger rises last week Page 15

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London shooting may strengthen case for hanging in Thursday's debate, some MPs say

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

MPs who are supporting the latest moves to restore the death penalty for terrorism believe that the shooting incident in London on Saturday and the siege in St Marylebone could cause more MPs to change their minds about hanging, with the result that there might be a majority for the motion to be debated in the Commons on Thursday.

This draws attention to the prevalence of terrorism and the existing penalties for it and states: "This House demands capital punishment for terrorist offences causing death." At the end of a three-hour debate there will be a free vote.

The motion will be moved by Mr Ivan Lawrence, Conservative MP for Burton, who is a barrister. Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, will give the Government's view, and Mr Ian Gilmour, the opposition chief spokesman on Home Office affairs, will intervene from the Conservative front bench.

More than 30 Conservative backbenchers and several United Ulster Unionists have signed a Commons motion referring to "the cold-blooded, barbaric assassination of Mr Ross McWhirter", and asking for capital punishment to be reintroduced for terrorist offences resulting in death.

But at the end of last week both the Conservative and Labour whips were reporting that there was apparently no significant shift of opinion among their backbenchers on the hanging issue. When it was last put to the test, in December, 1974, on a free vote, there were 369 MPs against the restoration of the death penalty for terrorism and 217 for a majority against of 152.

Another attempt to raise the matter will be made by Conservatives when the Prevention of Terrorism Bill comes back to the Commons at the report stage.

Meanwhile Mr Gilmour, who is in charge of the Bill for the Opposition during the detailed examination of the measure in standing committee that will begin on Tuesday, is tabling an amendment which would authorize the Home Secretary to offer rewards of up to £50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for acts of terrorism.

Mr George Gardiner, Conservative MP for Reigate, who first put forward the idea, said yesterday that much would depend on the Commons' decision on Thursday. But if the House rejected capital punishment, it would nevertheless have to recognize that public opinion was strongly in favour of it.

"My proposal, though not identical with that put forward by the late Ross McWhirter, has the same objective. There is no better way for MPs of all parties to show that they are not being frightened off by the McWhirter killing than by adopting a proposal that comes close to that for which he was shot. It would be a very significant demonstration."

Mr Gardiner said that an informer would have to be guaranteed police protection and security cover while he made arrangements for starting a new life; £50,000 should be sufficient to enable a person to settle in new surroundings.

Some MPs may be doubtful about supporting rewards for informers. It is now known that when Mr William Whitelaw, deputy leader of the Opposition, was Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, it was made known that substantial sums were available for information leading to the arrest of certain key terrorists. There was no response after the terrorists had issued a clear threat that the family of any informer would be severely dealt with.

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent, North, said at Wembley on Saturday that the attitude of the Conservative Party to the return of the death penalty for terrorist bombers and shooters could be important for its future.

The national appeal of the party had rested on its patriotism, its sense of stability and its defence of law and order. "Capital punishment, which is now demanded by 85 to 90 per cent of our people, is part of the symbol of law and order", he said.

Dr Herrema with Mr Thady Coughlin, the mayor of Limerick, waving to the crowd during his hero's welcome in the city yesterday when he received an illuminated scroll from the council.

Dr Herrema greeted as a hero

From Christopher Walker
Limerick

Thousands of Limerick people paid tribute yesterday to the courage of Dr Tiede Herrema, the Dutch industrialist who in a month has been transformed from a kidnap hostage to an Irish national hero.

Seven pipe bands played and crowds lined the streets as Dr Herrema, looking fit, cheerful and tanned after a Caribbean holiday, was driven in procession to a civic reception at a cinema.

The warmth of the welcome was a mark of the gratitude felt by the local people that Dr Herrema has decided to return to live and work in Limerick, from where he was seized by republicans only eight weeks ago. Many of those who cheered were workers from the Ferenka steel factory, of which he is managing director and which has brought much-needed employment to this depressed region.

Inside the cinema, an organist in a dinner jacket struggled to play the Dutch national anthem as more than 1,200 official guests sat to hear Dr Herrema speak of his 36-day ordeal, which included 18 days trapped in the upper storey of a small council house.

He said: "I must admit to feeling a certain sense of unreality since the happy conclusion of the kidnapping. I have been described in different newspapers and other media as a hero, a person of exceptional bravery and so on. I would regard myself far more as the victim of unfortunate circumstances.

"My resolution to survive and to keep my hopes high was greatly strengthened by the knowledge that the actions and attitudes of my kidnappers in no way reflected the feelings of the vast majority of Irish people." Applause greeted that remark.

Accompanied by his wife Elizabeth, who supported his decision to return to Limerick, Dr Herrema praised the Irish Cabinet for the handling of the affair.

Dr Herrema spoke also of the fears that his ordeal and the accompanying publicity would deter future foreign investment in Ireland. "If this were to be so, it would be a great tragedy. . . ."

As a mark of economy and in accordance with Dr Herrema's wishes, the reception was "dry". But the austerity did nothing to dull the enthusiasm of the audience, many of whom stood and sang "For he's a jolly good fellow".

Earlier Dr Herrema had led the applause for Chief Supt Lawrence Wrenn, the detective who conducted the protracted and successful dialogue with his two captors.

Siege area is isolated as police keep watch

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at the premises. The car sped away at speed, chased by the "Q" car.

A yellow Ford Consul driven by members of the Flying Squad then took up the chase and was fired on two or three times before a van containing members of the Yard's Special Patrol Group joined the chase.

The stolen car was eventually found abandoned in Park Road, St Marylebone, where the chase continued on foot. The police fired six rounds at the fleeing gang in exchange for several volleys of automatic fire. No one was hurt.

As more police officers, alerted by radio, moved into the area, the four gunmen dropped a red canvas holdall, full of machine-gun parts and two magazines of bullets. Their retreat cut off, the four men ran into the first open doorway they could find, 22 Balcombe Street. They ran to the first floor of the building and hustled the occupants of flat B inside at gun point.

Mr Matthews, a Post Office chief inspector in the Paddington district sorting office, with a salary of well above £5,000 according to his employers, and his wife were immediately held hostage as one of the gunmen, a young man speaking with a hoarse Irish accent, telephoned Scotland Yard.

"Just before 10 pm", Mr Ernest Bond, Deputy Commissioner, said on Saturday night, "there was a telephone call from the flat and the terrorists said they were Provisional IRA holding two hostages. They said they wanted an aircraft to Ireland and a car to the airport."

Mr Bond, who is in operational command of the Yard's 3,500 detectives, commented: "They [the terrorists] are not going anywhere and they are not getting a flight to Ireland. We are not going to make any deals at all."

Sir Robert Mark, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, who arrived a few minutes later, reiterated Mr Bond's words. "We are certainly not going to give way in any way at all", he said.

Pressed to say what tactics the police would employ in the siege, he added: "We shall have to play it by ear. Wherever human life is at stake it is always serious, whether threatened by gunmen for profit or a terrorist for a misguided political belief."

As floodlights were trained on the first floor flat, a curtain flapping from an open window in the breeze, three women residents in the block were taken to hospital suffering from shock. They had collapsed after hearing the shooting.

Residents in flats opposite the siege were taken to hotels or relatives as police marksmen moved in to occupy their homes and train automatic weapons on the flat. Occupiers of flats above and below flat 22b were also led away as police completely isolated the gunmen and their hostages.

Teams of dogs and their handlers who were moved into the block were given armed cover by police marksmen as they weaved and dodged across the road.

A helicopter circled low over the area throughout the hours of light yesterday as police ringed the area on the ground and from high vantage points from surrounding buildings.

Soon after dawn police arranged for the telephone in the Matthews's flat to be disconnected after they had agreed with the gunmen through a loudhailer to install a direct land line telephone link.

"I am certain the gunmen are the cell we have been looking for, responsible for outrages over the past 18 months", Mr Bond said.

He said that when they first spoke to the gunmen on Saturday night they replied "We shall see about that" when asked if they planned to release the hostages.

Mr Walton, who later took control of the operation while Mr Bond held a conference at Scotland Yard, said: "We are playing this very low key at present. We are anxious to establish a dialogue with the gunmen. At present only one man is doing the talking."

It seems from ballistics evidence that the gunmen have a number of Magnum .357 automatics, similar to the one used to kill Mr McWhirter.

A man detained by police during the car chase on Saturday night was allowed to go home after questioning by detectives yesterday. Police explained that his car "merely happened to get in the firing line" by accident.

Yesterday, amid intense police activity, Det Chief Supt Nigel Read, head of Enfield CID, and Commander Habershon, head of the Yard's bomb squad, held a hurried discussion with police eye-witnesses of the chase in the hope that a positive identification could be made of the two men who shot Mr McWhirter.

Mr Habershon said later: "The Provisional IRA claimed responsibility for that killing and recent bombings, and now we have this incident, and it is not a very big jump to assume that we have an IRA incident with the same team involved."

Dr Tiede Herrema, the Dutch business executive who was held captive by the IRA for two and a half weeks at Monasterevin, Ireland, was asked yesterday for his advice to the Matthews family in an interview with the BBC radio programme *The World this Weekend*.

"If you cannot beat them, join them. Tell them about your background, tell them who you are and what you have done in your life. Ask them what they are thinking about, what is happening in the world. You have to find out why they are doing *this*", he said.

"Try to move the aggression away from yourself to other people, may be to the Government or may be to other groups of people. Do the normal work in the house at the normal time. Have food at the normal times. Do everything as normally as possible."

One of the difficulties Mr and Mrs Matthews may soon face is that they will run short of food. Their two grown up daughters have been seen by police and both have indicated that their food supplies may soon be depleted.

IRA men killed planting mine

Two Provisional IRA men blew themselves up on Saturday night while planting a land mine estimated at about 300lb near the border, near Killeen, co Down, on a route used by army patrols. The explosion blew a huge crater in the road and damaged homes near by. Both bodies were mutilated.

The Provisional IRA named the men as James Loughrey, aged 19, from co Armagh, and Sean Campbell, aged 20, from Dundalk, in the Irish republic.

NHS policy switch to smaller hospitals

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Big district general hospita are no longer feasible and t Department of Health is pu ting its hopes on the develo ment of much small "nucleus" hospitals with abo 300 beds, Dr Owen, Minister State for Health, told docto on Saturday. Large sums money will have to be writt off as a result of the change plan.

Hospital planning in t early 1970s was bedevilled wholly unjustified optimi in terms of the countr economic history and of futu demands that would inevitab be made on the NHS.

Dr Owen accepted reluctan the overriding need for pub expenditure constraint over t next few years. Those w advocated swingeing cuts rare faced their consequen either in terms of creating u employment or their effect services to the community.

But it was now his duty tell numerous people that th much-needed and desired ne district general hospital cou not be built. It was also sad lot to inspect large hol in the ground where there h been hopes of building a ne hospital and to write off ve large sums of money spent consulting fees and staff effo designing hospitals which wou never leave the drawing boar

Dr Owen, who was addressi the annual meeting of T Medical Practitioners' Union London, said that we mu never again plan on the ba of optimism, but on realism. admitted that public opini had been right to criticize th concept of the very large di trict general hospital.

The concept of nucleus ho pitals was announced early th year and is being quickly d veloped. The first will be Newham, London, where th main building contract is du to begin in autumn, 1977.

Mrs Castle to reply on overtime audit

By Our Medical Reporter

A reply to the request from junior doctors for an independent audit of money available for overtime payments, taking into account this year's figures, is expected today from Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services.

Mrs Castle last week offered an audit of the money paid out last year, which the Department of Health estimated to be £12m, the figure used by the doctors' review body *in pricing the juniors' new contract*.

But the juniors, after studying their terms of service, say their entitlement was probably nearer £24m.

It is the argument about payment for the long hours worked which has led to the juniors' action, disrupting services in almost every hospital.

Minister accused: Mrs Castle was accused yesterday of deliberately fostering public feeling against doctors (the Press Association reports).

In a statement Mr James Prior, shadow Secretary of State for Employment, called for the inquiry which the doctors want. "The inquiry could accept evidence from all interested parties. The junior doctors should agree to abide by the result of the inquiry and go back to full-time service.

"Can it be that Mrs Castle is seeking to manufacture public support for her pay-bed policy by encouraging the feeling to develop that doctors are allowing patients to suffer for selfish motives?" he asked.

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State aid to see national press over 'hump' is urged

By Our Labour Staff

State aid to be dispensed by a publicly constituted board operating for a limited period with a fixed sum of Government money is one way for Fleet Street to overcome its financial difficulties and move into the technological age, the Royal Commission on the Press has been told.

According to The Acton Society Trust, a board operating for a five-year period would enable the industry to overcome its technological hump and the associated manpower questions while avoiding any charges of political interference in the press.

In its report, published yesterday, the trust says: "There is a danger that such intervention may simply ossify the present unsatisfactory situation by propping up the existing structure and relieving the people concerned of the need for fundamental rethinking.

"The commission must therefore ensure that the will to change is not impaired, but on the contrary fostered as the necessary condition of aid."

The report deplores that the national newspaper industry, management and unions, has allowed itself to get into its present predicament.

The trust formed nearly 30 years ago to conduct research into sociology, recommends that the board should be able to grant low-cost loans, with the power to waive repayment in certain cases.

"It would be an irony if technological advance in the form of new printing presses with much larger and faster print runs enabled first *The Times* and then other newspapers in the first half of the nineteenth-century to attract sufficient revenues from sales and advertisements to throw off the system then prevailing of political subsidies to newspapers, only for technological advance in the second half of the twentieth century to drive newspapers back into the arms of the political party in power, because the papers, notably *The Times* were making such losses that they could not pay for the attendant upheaval in their labour force".

State Aid for New Technology, by Rex Winsbury, for the Acton Society Press Group.

Party rejects aid from public funds

No financial aid from public funds should be given to political parties, Plaid Cymru says in a memorandum to Lord Houghton of Sowerby's committee on aid to political parties. Financial aid would encourage the development of a corporate state, it adds.

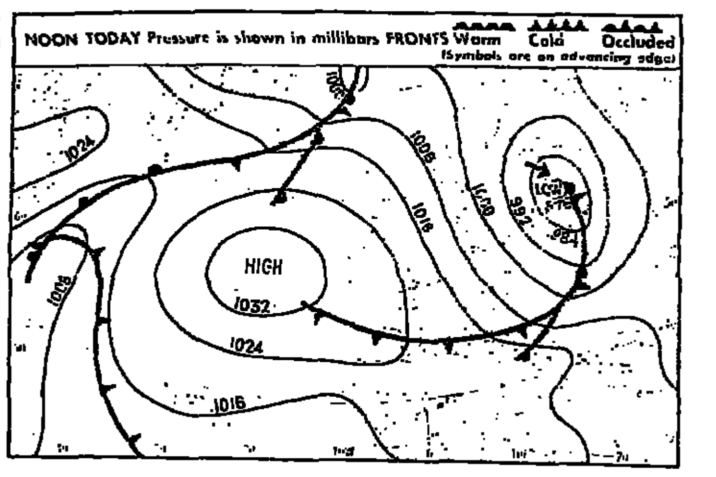
"It is our belief that the central state already wields too much power over the community. Political parties have a responsibility to finance themselves."

Scottish Tories 'face crisis'

The Scottish Conservative Party is facing a crisis which could lead to its extinction, Mr William Aitken, chairman of the Scottish Young Conservatives, said yesterday.

He told their annual weekend conference in Peebles: "If our leadership fails to supply the policies and ideas which are necessary for Scotland, and if we fail to promote these policies and ideas, we could face political decline and eventual extinction."

Weather forecast and recordings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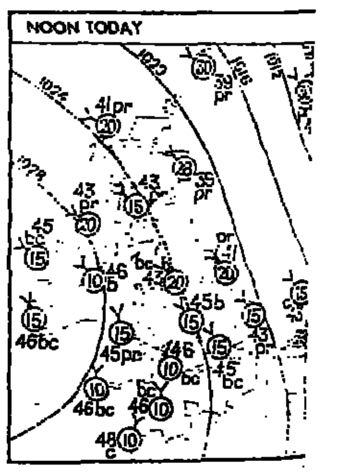

Today

Sun rises: 7.52 am
Sun sets: 3.52 pm

Moon rises: 11.13 am
Moon sets: 10.6 pm

First quarter: December 10.

Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.23 am.

High water: London Bridge, 4.31 am, 6.8m (22.3ft); 5.22 pm, 6.9m (22.5ft). Avonmouth, 10.24 am, 12.0m (39.4ft); 10.43 pm, 11.4m (37.4ft). Dover, 1.56 am, 6.4m (21.1ft); 2.24 pm, 6.1m (19.9ft). Hull, 9.31 am, 6.5m (21.2ft); 9.25 pm, 6.7m (21.9ft). Liverpool, 2.20 am, 8.3m (27.2ft); 2.36 pm, 8.6m (28.2ft).

A large anticyclone will persist to the SW of the British Isles and weak troughs of low pressure will move SE over the N and E of Scotland.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S, E, NW, Central N and NE England, East Anglia, Midlands, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Mainly dry with sunny spells; wind NW, light or moderate: max temp 8°C (46°F).

Channel Islands, SW England: Rather cloudy in places at first but mostly dry with sunny or clear intervals; wind N, light, backing to NW, moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Variable cloud with sunny intervals but a few showers in places; wind W to NW, moderate or fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Mostly dry with bright periods, chiefly over E, S and central Britain, where overnight fog patches are likely; occasional rain in parts of Scotland and N Ireland; temp near normal, with overnight frost in places.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NW, moderate or fresh; sea moderate, becoming slight.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NW, fresh; sea moderate.

Saturday

London: Temp: max 6 am, to 6 pm, 11°C (52°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10°C (50°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 80 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,033 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10°C (50°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8°C (46°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 78 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,026 millibars, rising.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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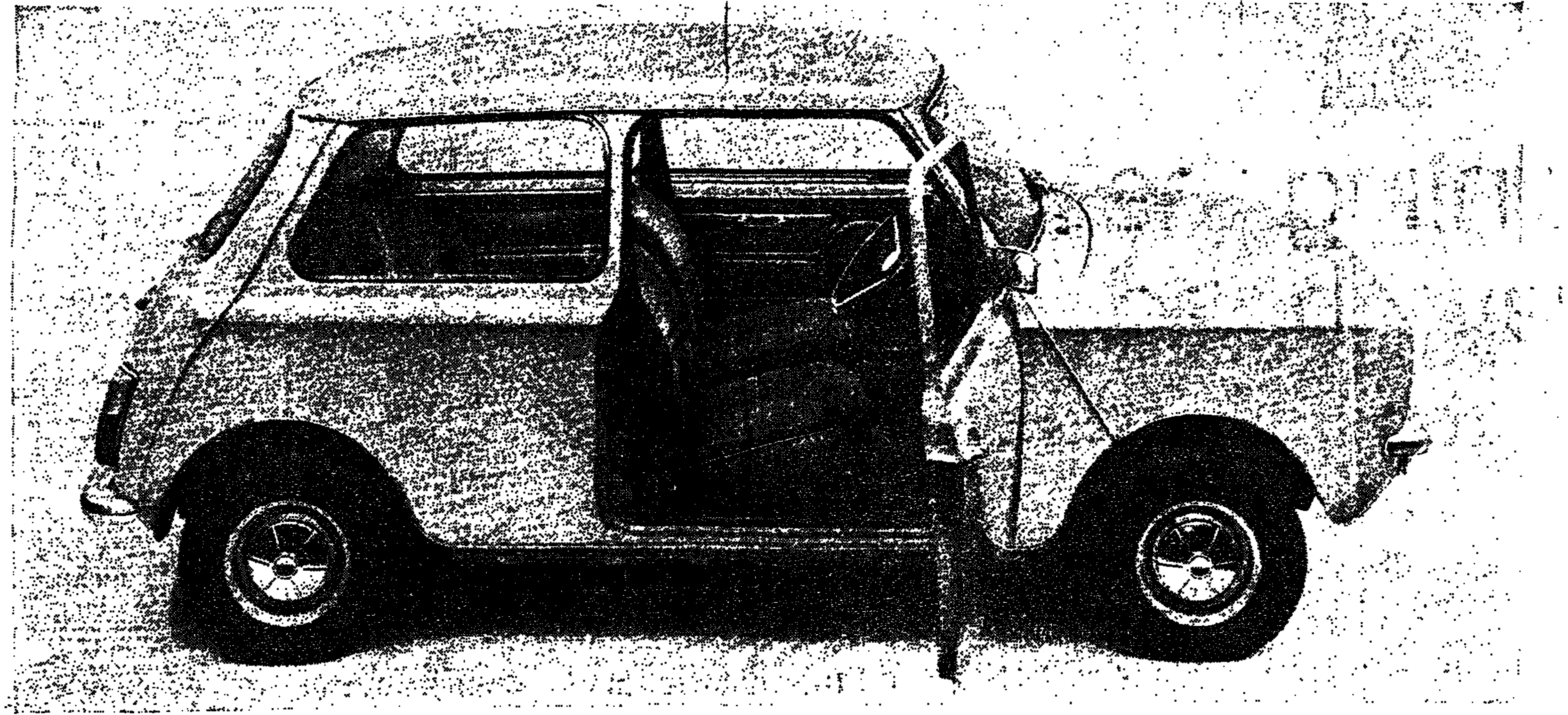

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Left joins right to vote communist out of NUS international job

From Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent
Scarborough

Miss Susan Slipman, national secretary of the National Union of Students, was relieved of her principal responsibility for running the 660,000-strong union's international affairs yesterday morning. She was removed from her post as convener of the international policy group after it had been accused of pro-Moscow bias.

Such was the desire of right and left factions at the conference to make her a scapegoat that several students said afterwards that this had ruined her chances of becoming the union's first woman president in 1977. Miss Slipman, who is a member of the Communist Party, is the first woman to hold the post of secretary.

She was held principally responsible for the union's executive's not sending a telegram last summer or doing anything to protest against the "undemocratic nature" of Mrs Gandhi's emergency measures in India. It was said that that was because the Indian Communist Party supported Mrs Gandhi.

Her critics also argued that the Czech students union, which they called a communist front, should not have been admitted to an international seminar on Chile which the union helped to organize in London last month.

Mr Richard Mungin, of Stirling University, said the executive had shown its political bias in peddling the pro-Moscow line by supporting student fronts for the Communist Party all over the world. He said: "We want to support struggles against imperialism wherever they are, despite counter orders from Moscow."

Miss Slipman said no telegram had been sent to India because the union had never adopted a policy on the emergency. But her sweeping statement, "India is a non-existent mandate; there is no policy", fell flat.

Miss Slipman: No protest telegram to India.

Asked why the executive had sent a five-page telegram to protest against the arrest of students in Argentina last month without a conference mandate, Miss Slipman said it was because they had been asked to do so by the Students Union in Argentina. There was laughter when she said that none of the Indian student unions had asked for similar support.

Inquiry urged: The conference decided to ask Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, to hold a public inquiry into a student meeting alleged to have been disrupted by the National Front in Manchester last Sunday.

Mr Peter Davies, aged 26, a member of the broad left, was elected to succeed Mr Francis Hayden, the sole Liberal on the executive, who resigned last week.

On Saturday the conference of 800 delegates and 400 observers rejected a resolution in favour of the Government's £6 a week pay policy.

Engineers' union to think again on pay

By Our Labour Staff

The 52-member national committee of Britain's second largest union will hold a special meeting today to discuss its attitude to the Government-TUC £6 pay rise policy.

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AUEW) is broadly opposed to the policy and voted against it at the TUC conference in September. But last month the political balance of the union swung in favour of the moderates

'Few employers will take ex-prisoners'

Most British employers discriminate against former offenders, the Apex trust, which finds jobs for former prisoners, says in a report today.

Fewer than a tenth of employers are willing to consider a former offender, it says.

Prisoners ought to be given job advice when their sentences start, the report says. Further education, vocational training and retraining ought to be available in all prisons, as well as a placing service on release.

Censure on defence cuts sought by Tories

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Strong pressure is being put on Mrs Thatcher and the Conservative Shadow Cabinet for the Opposition to table a censure motion or arrange a Supply debate on the Government's reported plan to reduce defence expenditure by a further £1,300m in the period 1977-80.

At last week's meeting of the 1922 Committee almost every speaker expressed concern about the cuts which Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is demanding as part of the Government's campaign to reduce the general level of public spending. It was argued that the Opposition should make its views known in the House before the Government came to a firm decision, and not wait until it was a *fait accompli*.

The opposition whips have indicated that it may be possible to broaden the discussion on Wednesday when the Commons debate the Armed Forces Bill and a motion on the Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order, but procedurally this may be difficult unless there is agreement between the two front benches.

Most Conservative MPs who are anxious about the effect of cuts already announced would prefer a whole day's debate specifically on defence spending before Christmas.

Mr Philip Goodhart, Conservative MP for Bromley, Beckenham, and a joint secretary of the 1922 Committee, said at Beckenham yesterday that Wednesday's debate would be the last opportunity to discuss defence before the Government was publicly committed to further cuts.

"Now we are told that Mr Mason, the Secretary of State for Defence, will not be taking part in the debate because he has to go to a meeting in Brussels", he said. "This is desertion in the face of the enemy. Mr Mason knows that the main threat to our defences now comes from some of his Cabinet colleagues and the left wing of the Parliamentary Labour Party. His place at the Eurogroup meeting should be taken by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr Healey could then explain to our European partners why he is personally leading the campaign to sabotage our contribution to the Atlantic alliance."

Mr Peter Walker, Conservative MP for Worcester, said yesterday: "The Government have already stripped defence expenditure to the minimum. It would be totally monstrous to make further cuts."

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Three women set out to help mend broken marriages

'A lot of wives are going to get only fists and boots as Christmas presents this year'

From John Chartres
Ormskirk

Three Lancashire women who have established a "family crisis centre" of the kind recommended by the Commons Select Committee on Violence in Marriage say they have saved seven marriages from breaking up in the first month of their operations.

Located in an empty council house in Ormskirk, and with its doors open to all, including men, on three days a week, the centre is devoid of trimmings like wall-to-wall carpeting, rubber plants and tropical fish tanks, nowadays usually associated with such activities.

The secret of its success appears to lie in the personality of the three women, who receive no salaries but only modest expense allowances from the sponsoring local authority, the West Lancashire District Council. They are Mrs Dianne Core, aged 30, of Formby, Mrs Kate Gamwell, aged 41, and Mrs Doris Riley, aged 40.

Both Mrs Core and Mrs Gamwell were "battered wives" in previous marriages and have been drawn into the present venture and associated work because of what happened to them. Mrs Riley said she took it up "because I do not like to see anybody getting clouted who does not deserve it".

Mrs Core, under her former married name of Cox, achieved considerable local fame and success earlier this year when she raised money and established a hostel for battered wives in the Southport area. A second hostel is to open shortly in the new town of Skelmersdale.

Mrs Core, with two young children by her first marriage, has a sense of humour and style of verbal delivery that remind one sharply of *The Liver Birds*, the BBC television series. She likes to think that that sort of approach puts people at their ease.

None of the trio has had any formal training in social work. Nevertheless Mrs Core recently found herself reading out relevant details of the Mental Health Act to a full-time salaried welfare worker who was unaware of them. "We think our own experience counts for more than a degree in sociology", Mrs Gamwell said.

They have had 30 requests for help, including many from men, since they opened the centre on November 1 and made their existence known, mainly through posters in clinics, chemist shops and doctors' waiting rooms.

Their catchment area covers some of the smarter Merseyside and west Lancashire residential districts, as well as the fringes of Liverpool city. "No one should think that wife battering and child battering are confined to places like Liverpool 8", Mrs Gamwell said. "It is happening in every stratum of society, and I think perhaps we are seeing more of what is happening in quite unexpected places because people come and see us who would sooner drop dead than go to a welfare clinic or even their own doctor."

The aim of the centre, in Mrs Core's words, is "to nip violence in the bud". She says: "We are trying to solve niggling little problems that would one day solidify into one giant, highly explosive problem". They are using the phrase "family aid centre" to describe the unit because they think the word "crisis" could put people off.

One thing complained abo is the over-prescription of an depressant drugs by doctors. woman whose husband came them for help was found to taking six different types drugs, all legally prescribed a obtained from her local chemi

Although they have no p fessional qualifications the selves, the three partners ha access to a comprehensive ran of specialists. They are try to raise funds for the special penditure necessary over Chri mas at the Ormskirk centre a the two hostels for batte wives.

"Christmas may be the sea of good will to a lot of peo but in our world it is the w battering season of the year only because of financial p sure and booze", Mrs Core s A lot of women are going get only fists and boots Christmas presents this ye

Government 'a divided rabble'

By Our Political Staff

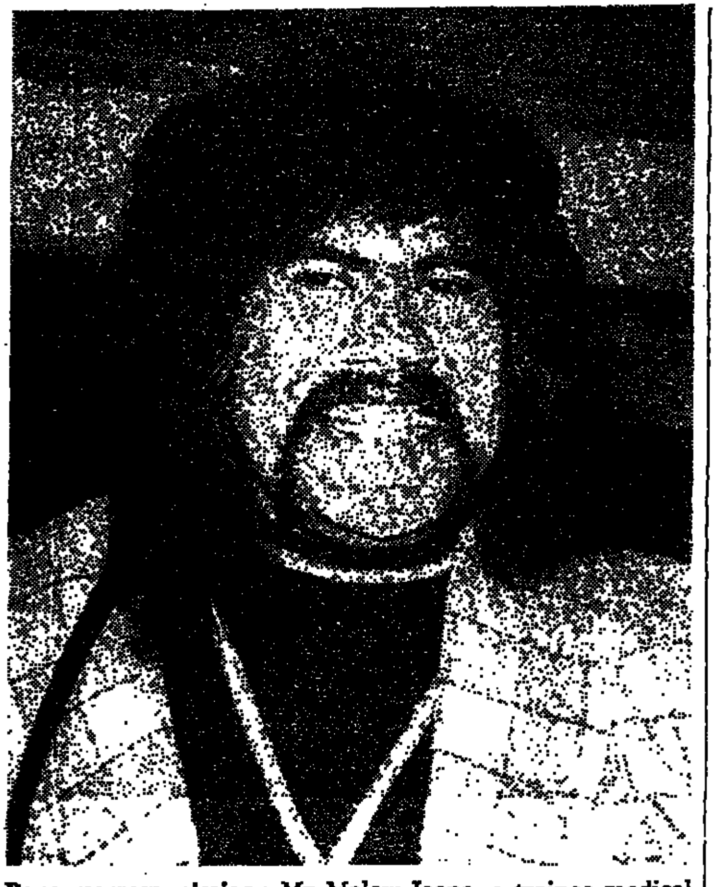
The Government was described as "a deeply divided rabble" by Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the opposition spokesman on economic and Treasury affairs, at Peebles on Saturday.

He said the Government's tiny majority in the Commons was a façade for two factions which were constantly at each others' throats. "The Stalinists and Marxists of the *Tribune* Group and the national executive committee, buttressed by trade union bosses with doubtful democratic foundations, constantly overbear a majority in the Cabinet and the misnamed Manifesto Group, willing to wound and afraid to strike."

The Chancellor of the Exchequer had admitted that his public spending deficit was too high, that taxes had reached a dangerous level, and that public spending would have to be reduced. Yet, deferring to the left, he continued to postpone action. The aircraft industry, one of Britain's largest export earners, was to be nationalized at enormous cost, for no reward whatsoever.

Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, dominated by trade union bosses, was pressing ahead with his dictatorial plans to destroy the last vestiges of freedom in the trade union movement.

"Is it too much to expect the moderate men of sanity in the Labour Party to have the courage to fight to pull Mr Wilson back from his cowardly progress in the Stalinist direction?" Sir Geoffrey asked.


Bone marrow mission: Mr Malow Ioane, a trainee medical technician from Samoa, who flew to London yesterday to give some of his bone marrow, which is of a rare type, to Anthony Nolan, aged four, of Challock Lees, Kent, who is suffering from a blood disease. Mr Ioane was given a free flight by British Airways.

Overmanning 'may b destroying wealth'

By Our Political Correspondent

It was absurd and anti-social to claim that men should be kept in workplaces, going through the motions of working and being paid for it, when their work was making no contribution to the national wealth-creating process, Sir Keith Joseph, Conservative spokesman on policy and research, said on Saturday.

"It may well be destroying wealth, not creating it, consuming fuel, raw materials, semi-finished goods, many of them imported, as well as credits and a heavy wage bill", he said in a speech at the Oxford Union.

"This holds good whether the plants are obsolete from economic causes or technical causes, or simply because more workers are kept on than are needed. Overmanning and 'make-work' cannot be justified in the name of socialism of any variety, certainly not in the name of Marxist theory."

Sir Keith said that the phenomenon variously known as overmanning, feather-bedding or, euphemistically, as "make-work", was anti-social because it was really divorcing work from its social function, "labour's rights from labour's duties".

No socialist economic theories advocated or justified make-work, and the communist countries had no place for it. "Make-work, the subsidized employment of labour for its own sake, divorced from its economic function, is neither capitalist nor socialist, but simply opportunistic", he said.

"It stems from appeasement, for the sake of narrow, short-term party or group political profit, and of the most atavistic and anachronistic trade union instincts thinly disguised in socialist rationalization. We have a lot to do to improve the labour market, to make the fit between people and jobs, and to get labour mobility. Th changes have been delayed sacrificed to make-work overmanning."

Because of that, British c were increased and so made prices less competitive; so o manning reduced profits therefore cut investment new employment.

But Mr Wilson's Governm was now in such straits tha could not afford to hand subsidies to all and sundry protect overmanning and rescue jobs, for the sir reason that the wealth-proc ing base had been eroded point where it could not m tain an ever-expanding, wea eating superstructure. Now the state sector was ne twice as large as the resid wealth-producing sector, Lab was obliged to rethink strategy.

The Select Committee on penditure, under the chairm ship of Mr Patrick Du Labour MP for Sheffield, At cliffe, had gone most of the towards saying this in the c text of government aid British Leyland.

As it happened, Mr Duffy speaking on much the same s ject at the annual dinner of Batley and Morley Lab Party. He said the strengthen of the country's industrial b had to have priority over other industrial aims. Th called for a changed directi in investment and a more e cient use of resources.

"Otherwise", Mr Duffy sa "we cannot hope to arrest o present decline, much le restore British industry to co petitive strength in wo markets. The National Ent prise Board could do the tri but only if it preserves its ind pendent status, insists on co mercial viability and avoids b coming a 'soft touch' for lam duck companies. Yet the cry already heard for the NEB take over Chrysler."

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Art smuggling shown on television programme

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The illicit export of art and antiquities tends to be condoned by the art market; but they do not like to talk about it. The programme *Chronicle*, on BBC 2, tonight, looks into the sale by Sotheby's of a Neolithic limestone figure which can hardly have left Turkey other than illegally. The figure was the property of Sotheby Parke Bernet at the time of the sale. The programme faces Mr Peter Wilson, Sotheby's chairman, with the suggestion that it must have left Turkey illegally and gets the predictable response that he had no idea where the piece came from; someone might have dug it up in their back garden.

The 50-minute programme provides a fascinating picture of international art smuggling tracing the story from the diggings of peasant farmers in Turkey, through the art market to the cabinets of famous museums.

They have researched the acquisition of a hoard of Lydian silver and gold by the Metropolitan Museum in New York. The Turkish authorities, who believe that it left Turkey illegally and are trying to get it returned, provided the name of the dealer who sold the hoard to the Metropolitan: Mr J. J. Klejman. The Metropolitan had passed his name to Dr Burhan Tezçan, the archaeologist involved.

Mr Klejman was a leading New York dealer in antiquities, with premises in the Sotheby Parke Bernet building there. He shut his shop some 18 months ago and part of his collection was bought outright by Southeby Parke Bernet.

It was in a London sale in December, 1974, that the limestone figure appeared, described as "from the collection of J. J. Klejman, sold by order of the present owner . . . Sotheby Parke Bernet.

Further pieces of Middle Eastern and Classical art are being sold from the J. J. Klejman collection at Sotheby's in London today. The sale also includes a group of Urartian bronze plaques of the eighth to seventh century BC, "all said to have been found in North-West Iran", according to the catalogue. Sotheby's antiquities director told me that she had not the faintest idea whether they had left Iran recently.

Most people involved in antiquities turn a relatively blind eye to smuggling. A clear ethical distinction is seen between stolen goods and goods which have merely left a country where the export of antiquities is forbidden.

Oysters open new world for the fish farmers

Regional Report
Ronald Faux

Loch Melfort, Argyll

As trawlers and gunboats argue over the Icelandic cod shoals, and fish command the headlines, several thousand oysters lie hardening their shells on a beach near Loch Melfort, waiting, like so many film starlets, for a wealthy person to promote them.

They are a small, significant corner of the Scottish sea farming industry into which several magnates have stepped recently. Large companies frequently appear behind the small ventures and the sea farmers grow more confident that their industry may one day be a significant help in filling the gap caused by extended limits and over-fished stocks.

At Loch Melfort, Western Aquaculture tends oysters in what appears to be a supermarket 40ft below the loch surface. Nearly a million oysters lie on trays absorbing the rich plankton which flows by freely.

Divers check their growth until the oysters are ready for bagging and freezing. Thousands more are given a toughening treatment on the beach so that their shells harden to a conventional strength.

The company said: "The potential for growth is enormous, but someone is needed with the money to popularize the image. Oysters are still regarded as an expensive luxury; in fact, they can be an economical food source, not depending on an 'r' in the month and not costing £4 for half a dozen."

Scottish Sea Farms at Ledaig supply "seedling" oysters to the increasing number of sea farmers in Scotland and abroad. Mr Peter Williams, production manager, said the trade was growing rapidly. Small companies which once bought 100,000 young oysters were now ordering up to a million.

In the same way, Mr Wallace Fairweather, manager of Gateway West at Ford, in Argyll, is "growing" 150 tons of rainbow trout each year for a market dominated by traditionally popular varieties of fish. The company is part of the Shell chemical group, and is claimed to be carrying on the biggest operation of its kind in the country.

The embryo trout are grown in tanks of huge bacteria-free air tents. Transferred to the open air, they are kept and fed in narrow raceways, artifical trout streams, swept by a perpetual flood of water and well-known to every heron and hungry gull in the district.

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OME NEWS

'op civil servants ask o be nameless 1 ministerial memoirs

Peter Hennessy

he Association of First Divi- ı Civil Servants (FDA) has the Privy Councillors' com- ;ee considering the conven- *s governing the publication ninisterial memoirs that in* ıre such works should not :ain references to named l servants.

he first volume of the noirs of Richard Crossman, lished today, contain several ;ages written with great kness about his relationship ı Lady Sharp, who was per- ent secretary at the Min- r of Housing and Local ernment when Mr Cross- ı entered the Cabinet in ł.

ı *The Diaries of a Cabinet ister. Volume One: Minis- of Housing, 1964-66*, Lady rp (then Dame Evelyn rp) is described by Mr Cross- ı as "a magnificent woman she wants her ministry run ıer own way and there is a stant struggle between us".

a subsequent entry Mr ssman stated: "In terms of *act with the officials I am* ably unusually badly off ıuse my ministry is run so h as a personal concern by Dame."

ı its evidence to the com- ee of Privy Councillors, ;h meets once a week in the inet Office under the chair- ship of Lord Radcliffe, the ı said: "In principle a civil ant whose personal, profes al and intellectual qualities the subject of comment by ex-minister must have the t to comment on the quali- ions of the author to make ı judgments".

he training and traditions of l servants, however, pre- led their making a public y. The FDA continued: ıese difficulties are best ided by ensuring in future ; these memoirs do not con- ı references to named civil vants.

ady Sharp, who described self as a former "non- :ve" member of the FDA, l last week that she approved the association's view as ex- ssed to Lord Radcliffe: ersonally, I do not think it would be possible to reply in such cases and. in any case, it would be highly undignified", she added.

The FDA, which represents 9,000 *officials, told the commit-* tee that if a system of open government was introduced it should come from the deliberate announcement of Government policy "rather than as an unintended consequence of the proliferation of personal memoirs".

The association continued: "We acknowledge that the publication of memoirs contributes to a wider debate about the efficiency of the (Civil) Service and we would be reluctant to see it restricted unnecessarily.

"However, we believe that principles are needed to ensure that the debate, in so far as it shifts from general issues down to the level of particular episodes and individuals, does not intrude upon the formulation of current policy.

"Should this happen, we would unknowingly have *entered into an era of open government in the fullest* sense."

The Radcliffe committee is still deliberating on the evidence presented to it by ministers, politicians, civil servants and other interested parties. It is likely to present its report to the Prime Minister early next year. Mr Wilson, who appeared in person before the committee last July, is expected to make its findings public.

The committee has been in close touch with Home Office officials engaged in drafting the Protection of Official Information Bill, which will be presented to Parliament later this session as the replacement for section two of the Official Secrets Act, 1911, which the Government has promised to repeal.

The committee's recommendations and the Prime Minister's response to them will be given close scrutiny in Whitehall as an indication of the seriousness of the Government's intention in implementing its manifesto pledge to create a more open system of public administration.

1r Heath says Crossman iaries are malicious

Ir Heath, the former Leader :he Opposition, accused Mr ssman of "malicious, bad- pered, ill-conveived" at- s on civil servants during BC Radio 3 review of the ies on Saturday.

e also *described Mr Cross-* ı's remarks about Cabinet eagues as "superficial, hing and hurtful" although ;ave no support to the effort Mr Samuel Silkin, the ɔrney General, to suppress n.

When we come to read Dick ssman's innumerable re- ks about his colleagues, ost *entirely* derogatory, we understand the offence they t give to those who served him in government", Mr th said. "But the question raise is whether they are ı as to prevent the future *blishment of the* relation- between colleagues neces- for effective government. I take leave to doubt"

olitians for the most part ld respond to Mr Cross- ı's attacks by saying, "Well, r Dick, he's at it again."

ut Mr Heath added: "The e cannot be said of his mali- ıs, bad-tempered, ill-con- ed attacks upon his civil ants, For these there is no use. I would have thought his sense of fairness would have inhibited him from writing for publication such abuse of a personal nature, which he must have known well no civil servant would ever be in a position to refute."

Mr Crossman had kept those passages in his diaries in order to convey to posterity what a minister's life was really like.

Mr Heath said: "I do not believe that this is in fact a valid justification for the procedure he and his trustees have adopted." No civil servant would claim that mistakes were not made from time to time. But to personalize them and to do so in such trivial terms is really unforgivable."

Mr Heath added:

> In fairness to Dick Crossman, I must say that he always expected to get as good as he gave and he never took offence at it.
>
> It emerges throughout these diaries that he never realized that others in different circumstances and with a different background were not accustomed to this rough-and-tumble approach. Far from appearing to them to be a stimulating if somewhat provocative man of ideas, he seemed only to be a somewhat overbearing bully. . . . I am quite sure that if and when officials come up against another like him they will shut up like a clam.

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rench finance r return of 'he Avengers'

a Staff Reporter

'he Avengers, described by creator, Mr Brian Clemens, a bizarre entertainment olving *spies, villains and* tty girls and sold to more ntries than any other tish television series, re- ns to the small screen in autumn after seven years.

hooting on 30 episodes ting film is to begin at ewood Studios in April. ;y are being made by an ependent company headed Mr Clemens, who wrote the ,t *Avenger's* story in 1961, coproducer Mr Albert nnell and the show's com- ıer, Mr Laurie Johnson, and l probably be *shown* on ames Television.

The money has come from a ench company which special- ;s in television commercials. hough *The Avengers* has en seen in 120 countries and ned £17m from worldwide es; Mr. Clemens and his leagues were unable to ure finance for a new series Britain.

Mr Patrick MacNee, aged 53, ɔo has appeared in the 130 isodes so far surviving all ts of hazards as well as ee leading ladies, returns as suave, bowler-hatted hero, n Steed.

Mr Clemens expects to inter- ew 200 girls to find a suc- ssor to Cathy Gale, Emma el and Tara King, those ather-clad judo experts

'elevision films or Christmas

Independent television is to ow the film *Lawrence of rabia* during Christmas week. lasts for four hours and will e shown on the Monday and uesday.

The BBC, which is planning o weeks of Christmas pro- ammes, will show *Butch assidy and the Sundance Kid* n Christmas night.

Universities 'are expanding despite cash difficulties'

By Our Education Correspondent

British universities are expanding their courses despite their financial difficulties, according to the latest edition of *Which University*, a guide to university education published today.

Mrs Audrey Segal, the guide's editor, said that the belief that the old redbrick universities were "art-based colleges" was a myth. They and most other newer and older universities were expanding their science courses into new fields.

Many universities, such as Aston, had started courses in fuel studies because of the oil crisis. There were also new courses in medical physics and biochemistry, designed for future researchers in the National Health Service.

The guide shows that virtually all universities have increased their range of courses for the 1976 academic year. Mrs Segal said that the only big case of a course *being dropped* was the decision by Liverpool to withdraw its Celtic studies degree.

Most of the courses being introduced in 1976-77 had been under consideration for some years. The effect of the financial difficulties was not expected to show until 1977-78.

The decision of many universities to drop general studies courses in favour of a more flexible modular unit system had made it possible to provide more courses at a lower cost.

Which University, 1976, (Haymarket Publishing Ltd, 76 Dean Street, London W1A 1BU, £12).

Man survives 600ft fall

Mr Allan Clee, aged 19, a student pharmacist, of Cardiff, who fell 600ft down a mountain-side in Snowdonia on Saturday night, escaped with a broken leg and possible rib injuries. Yesterday he was "comfortable" in hospital at Bangor.

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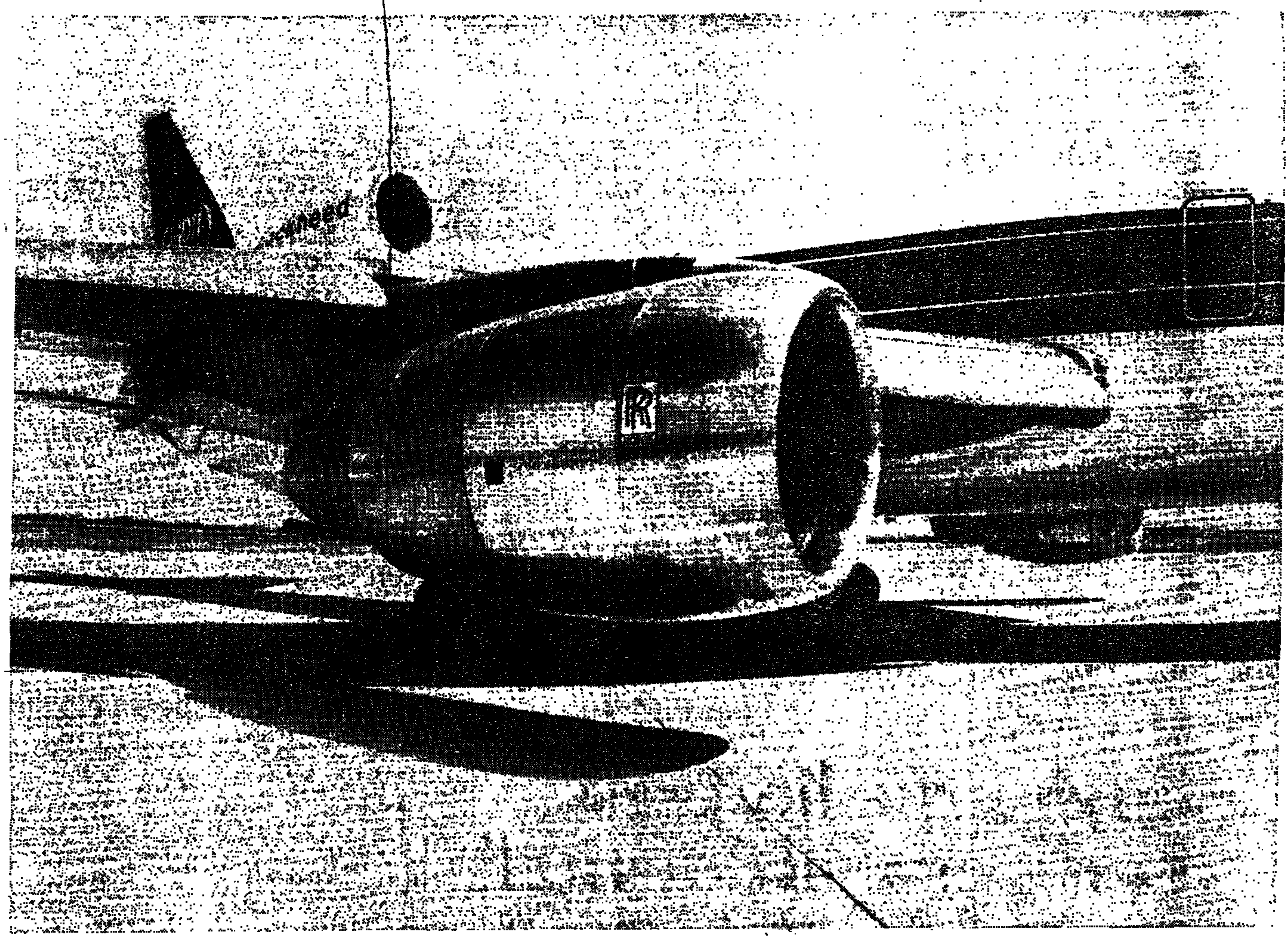

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WEST EUROPE

Signor Moro appeals to unions as crisis enters 'eye of cyclone'

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Dec 7

The Italian coalition Government led by Signor Aldo Moro is due to make a statement in Parliament this week on its plans for handling the recession as the country enters—or has just entered, in the Communist judgment today—"the eye of the cyclone" of its economic and social crisis.

The Prime Minister appealed yesterday for a sense of responsibility from the trade union movement in view of a general strike on Friday in industry and among southern agricultural workers.

Signor Ugo La Malfa, the Republican Deputy Prime Minister, told an audience in Rome that "the state is no longer anything", adding his own drastic picture of one of the ways in which Armageddon could arrive.

There was the risk, he said, "that the burden of the grave crisis of our system of production will end by being taken over completely by the state; but in this case nothing can save us from the danger of an authoritarian reaction in the system, and this because a democracy in which the productive system falls short has unfortunately only one instrument at its disposal, to print money".

The Socialists, who technically are still a part of the coalition's majority, attacked the Government today on the ground that it remained stationary and "not one of the problems of policy or decision which we and the entire trade union movement have been pressing for has been adequately settled".

A section of the Socialist Party has called openly for the Government's resignation—threatening the country, in the Communist view, with "a crisis in the dark" which would be more serious than the "desolate spectacle" of the Government's present activity.

Signor Moro now has the loyal support of Signor Benigno Zaccagnini, secretary of his Christian Democratic Party, who is convinced that a demise of the Government would seriously complicate the country's difficulties. But Signor Zaccagnini is new to the task of trying to reinvigorate the ruling party and his efforts are resented by its conservative wing, which would like to see both Signor Zaccagnini and Signor Moro go as a prelude to calling a general election.

The anti-Government agitators in the Socialist ranks are worried that the Communists will continue to diminish the Socialist role and believe that their party might increase its own backing in a general election.

The Communist approach is not to seek a new Government at the moment but to impose on this one the proper approach to solving the country's difficulties.

Admiral Karl Dönitz, Nazi Germany's last leader, accepts a presentation at a gathering of former submariners in Hamburg.

Hard week for Britain in Community talks

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Dec 7

The new spirit of compromise which some Europeans believe was forged in the furnace of the EEC summit in Rome will be put to the test in a busy round of ministerial meetings this week in Brussels. The subjects to be discussed include energy, the environment, transport and education.

On Tuesday, the main task of foreign ministers will be to draw up a mandate for the EEC delegation to the international conference of producers and consumers of energy, which is due to begin in Paris a week later. They will need to clarify some of the ambiguities of the agreements reached in Rome.

The official statement gave only very uncertain support to several of Mr Wilson's claims about the outcome of the summit, at which he agreed to drop Britain's demand for a separate seat in Paris in return for the right, on certain conditions, to a separate voice on matters of special interest to the country as an oil producer.

The extent of EEC and, in particular, French acceptance of the principle of a protective floor price for oil, as well as the reported French agreement to join its EEC partners in an emergency oil-sharing scheme, are the main grey areas of the Rome compromise that foreign ministers are likely to want to explore further.

Another reported element of the Rome compromise, which was not confirmed by the official statement and denied by Mr Wilson, was a British undertaking to make North Sea oil available to other EEC countries on competitive terms. This was said to be the *quid pro quo* for EEC acceptance of a floor price.

The day before the foreign ministers meet their environment colleagues will seek a solution to Britain's dispute with the rest of the Community over a proposal for uniform limits on the discharge of a group of highly toxic pollutants into seas, rivers and lakes.

Britain argues that uniform controls would be unnecessarily costly and take no account of geographical variation in the capacity of water to absorb pollutants.

Hurricane winds force break in cod war

From Michael Horsnell, on board the support ship Miranda off north Iceland

Force 12 hurricane winds with gusts of up to 100 miles an hour yesterday brought a break in gunboat harassment of the British trawler fleet off north-east Iceland.

In some of the wildest conditions known in the area, the 30 trawlers survived the battering of the weather with some superficial damage.

No Icelandic gunboats have been reported since the Thor had its flight deck buckled after a collision with the defence tug Euroman early on Saturday. It is not yet known whether the damage will force the Thor out of action for repairs.

During the bitterest exchanges of the cod war so far, the Thor removed the covers from its guns and was threatened with return fire by the frigate Brighton.

Two trawlers had their gear cut in a lengthy engagement, the Thor later claimed that it had been rammed by the Euroman.

The two British support ships Miranda and Othello have said they will ignore the withdrawal of medical facilities in Icelandic ports for injured seamen and steam in regardless.

Frigate sent: The Royal Navy frigate Galatea was leaving the Clyde yesterday for duty off Iceland, the Ministry of Defence announced. It will join the frigates Falmouth and Brighton and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Tidepool

The Royal Navy has said that it will not hesitate to use its guns if an Icelandic gunboat opens fire. Mr Niels Sigurdsson, the Icelandic Ambassador in London, has protested over "dangerous tactics" by British protection vessels.

Awkward question for Nobel guest

From Roger Choate
Stockholm, Dec 7

Dr Leonid Kantorovich, of the Soviet Union, joint winner of the 1975 Nobel economics prize, today declined to comment on his country's refusal of an exit visa to Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident physicist, to allow him to receive his Nobel peace prize.

"We should concentrate up on the pertinent questions", Dr Carl Gustaf Bernhard, secretary-general of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, interjected, raising a storm of protests from reporters.

Dr Kantorovich had said "The explanations of the circumstances and the reasons why he [Dr Sakharov] did not come abroad have been presented in detail by our press and by our authorities. I have nothing to add to it."

Asked if he felt a sense of personal regret that Dr Sakharov could not collect his prize, Dr Kantorovich smiled and replied: "Well, you have the right to express your regrets to my answer."

Dr Tjalling Koopmans, of Yale University, the other joint winner, was also at the press conference. The two economists share the award for contributing independently to the theory of optimum allocation of scarce resources.

They receive their award on Wednesday from King Carl XVI Gustaf at the traditional Nobel awards ceremony in Stockholm concert hall.

Portuguese Cabinet unity saved

From Michael Knipe
Lisbon, Dec 7

Portugal's political situation appeared today to have stabilized with both the centre-left Popular Democrats (PPD) and the communists prepared to remain with the Socialists in the military-led sixth Provisional Government.

In spite of some aggressive speeches by the communist leaders at a mass rally in Lisbon this afternoon, it seemed that the uneasy three-party cooperation would continue.

Dr Francisco Sa Carneiro, the PPD leader, said last night that the party congress had decided that, in exceptional circumstances and in the interests of the nation and of democracy, it would cooperate with the communists, although it condemned their involvement in the uprising.

Dr Mario Soares, the Socialist Party leader, said that a broad coalition government was vital for Portugal until national elections could be held.

In his first detailed statement after the coup, Dr Alvaro Cunhal, the Communist Party leader, said that the party was opposed to "strong arm" solutions, and was committed to an overall political solution through negotiation.

Two Breughels are stolen from art fair

Maastricht, Holland, Dec 7.—Paintings worth about 3,500,000 guilders (£640,000) by the Flemish master Pieter Breughel and his son Pieter the Younger have been stolen from an art fair here.

Police said the paintings disappeared from the Eurohall here last night.

They were a four-part work by the elder Breughel depicting the four elements, and the painting "Return from the fair" by the younger. They were put on show by two London galleries. The four-part work was in the stand of the Terry-Engell gallery, and the other was in the stand of the Gallery Leger.—Reuter.

King of Spain's supporters see their cars wrecked

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of the regime were scattering leaflets in other parts of Madrid cemetery, beside the grave of Pablo Iglesias, the founder of Spanish socialism. The graveside gathering, already prohibited by police, is to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Iglesias's death.

In Malaga, on the Costa del Sol, about 40 private cars were overturned or damaged in the early hours of yesterday morning. All of the cars attacked bore stickers expressing support for the King. Some of the cars had tyres slashed; others had windows broken; others were toppled on their sides. This politically inspired vandalism occurred just as a group of about 30 United States travel agents arrived on the coast for a "tranquillizer tour" after reports of troubles in Spain had caused cancellations by some of their prospective customers.

The General Council of Lawyers has published the text of a petition to the government calling for the revision of General Franco's anti-terrorist decree of last August. The lawyers demand legislation to do away with courts martial for civilians, eliminate obligatory death penalties, give convicted persons the right of appeal, and permit lawyers to see their clients awaiting trial on terrorist charges.

People with progressive attitude to crime call for execution of culprits

Anti-terrorist feeling runs high in Holland

From Robert Fisk
Beilen, Dec 7

In the bus which Dutch Railways are using to take passengers into the village of Beilen, all our eyes were on the thin grey pencil-shape of the hijacked train. It lay back from the motorway, surrounded by acres of grey-green fields, silhouetted on the embankment and visible for miles around.

A couple at the front of the bus were talking excitedly. Then the man, a grey-haired figure in a duffel coat, turned half standing to the other passengers and said loudly: "They should shoot the bastards."

It may seem strange to hear such sentiments in a country with a reputation for liberal, progressive attitudes towards crime, but it is fast losing its novelty. The local Department of Justice official here has received over 6,000 letters from members of the public demanding that the authorities should capture the hijacked train and suggesting in detail various methods by which the guerrillas should be killed.

There are reports that railwaymen are refusing to carry South Moluccans on their trains, and in Rotterdam railway station last week angry passengers threw two South Moluccans to the platform from a stationary carriage.

In the city's shopping centre yesterday, hundreds of men and women queued to sign a petition calling for harsher penalties against terrorism.

It may, of course, all prove to be a short-term phenomenon, an immediate public revulsion in the face of Government and police impotence which will soften if the South Moluccans surrender.

No one could be surprised about the reasons for such fury. Television audiences have been able to watch the Red Cross collect the bodies of the three murdered men from beside the train at Beilen. The shooting of one of the victims was graphically recorded by a newspaper photographer who crept into a farmhouse near the train and is regularly smuggling pictures back to Amsterdam with the assistance of the farmer.

The inability of the police and Army to take any positive action is also obvious. Here at Beilen, hundreds of troops in steel helmets and battledress patrol the town, but no one can explain their role. The armoured vehicles they are driving and the Browning machine guns mounted on top are more suitable to repel an air force than to tackle six frightened guerrillas on a train.

The police are now certain that at Beilen and at the Indonesian Consulate in Amsterdam, the South Moluccans are armed with the same Israeli-made Uzi sub-machine guns as the Dutch Army. They assume that the weapons were stolen from the military authorities or sold by soldiers anxious for money. But there has been no official explanation.

There are rumours that the police have failed to arrest South Moluccans after finding arms in the housing estates and camps where they live for fear of racial violence.

A former Government minister and university vice-chancellor tried to explain the frustration of the population at the weekend. He described the Dutch as naturally hospitable but primitive when they feel hurt or betrayed by people to whom they have been friendly.

There should be a distinction, he said, between ordinary crime and terrorism because terrorism involved people who felt they had been cheated and therefore were "not able to grasp reality".

The sister of one of the guerrillas on the train appeared on television here with comments which might have proved this point had they not also contained an element of truth. "It is a pity Dutch people had to die", she said, "but before this no one in Holland, let alone the world, had cared about the South Moluccan cause."

This is not an argument which one could put to the conductor on the little country train up to Hoogeveen, one station short of Beilen. He turned out to be a friend of the murdered railway driver and used to spend evenings with the dead man, his wife and eight-year-old daughter.

When I asked him what he felt he simply stood silently in the corridor of the carriage and drew his finger across his throat. Without exception, the other passengers nodded their agreement.

OVERSEAS

Mr Rabin adamant on boycott of UN

Jerusalem, Dec 7.—Mr Rabin, the Israel Prime Minister, was today reported to be adamant that Israel would boycott a forthcoming United Nations Security Council debate on the Middle East in spite of an appeal from Washington to attend.

The Cabinet met today to discuss Israel's relations with the United Nations after the decision to hold a debate on the Middle East on Friday which the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is expected to attend.

Israel radio's diplomatic correspondent said the Government's decision to boycott the debate would be endorsed, in spite of fears here that Israel might lose an opportunity to state its case.

Informed sources said there had been an exchange of Notes between Israel and Washington over the matter and Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, was understood to have asked Israel to reconsider its position.

A number of cabinet ministers were also reported to be unhappy about Mr Rabin's decision to boycott the security council's present session, called to discuss last week's air raids by Israel on suspected Palestine guerrilla targets in Lebanon.

Mr Allon, the Foreign Minister, who was to address the Cabinet, was understood to feel that Israel could best state its case if Mr Chaim Herzog, the Israel Ambassador, left the council chamber when the Palestinian representative spoke on the air raids.

Israel has refused to have any contacts with the PLO, which it sees as a terrorist organization dedicated to the overthrow of the Jewish state.

Mr Rabin came under attack today for his policy. The *Haaretz* newspaper said, the Palestinian problem occupied a central role on the international stage and Israel stood little chance of frustrating the Arab-Soviet offensive on the issue. The newspaper blamed the growing international influence of the PLO on Israel's refusal to accept that its continued occupation of the West Bank and Gaza strip concerned anyone but itself.

Damascus, Dec 7.—President Assad will visit Jordan on Tuesday at the head of a Syrian delegation, an official announcement said today. He will have talks with King Husain within the framework of their agreement to hold periodic meetings to implement decisions already taken on cooperation.

The announcement did not mention the duration of the visit, but it is understood to be two days. Earlier this year the two heads of state formed a joint supreme political leadership to coordinate cooperation in the political, economic, military, social and other fields.—Reuter.

Palestinian diplomatic victories increase the chances of Mr Arafat joining peace talks

From Paul Martin
Beirut, Dec 7

Elated by their recent string of diplomatic victories, the Palestinian guerrillas are quietly confident that the coming year will see them integrated into the Middle East peacemaking process. What has increased their optimism is the discernible change in the previously hostile attitude of the United States.

Mr Yassir Arafat and his fellow leaders in the Palestine Liberation Organization would be the last to admit that recent events have taken them closer to the negotiating table. Such a move is being opposed by the militants, who wield a powerful sway in the refugee electorate.

However, it is becoming increasingly clear that, with Syrian and Soviet prompting, the PLO is preparing to take the plunge, so much so, that the Iraq regime, which leads the campaign against all peaceful solutions in the Middle East, has voiced the accusation that the path is already being paved for PLO presence in Geneva and the establishment of a Palestine state.

Although the situation of the PLO has evolved since the 1973 war, the event that crystallized things was the Syrian success over the renewal of the peacekeeping mandate in the Golan Heights. By ensuring PLO participation in the Security Council debate on the Middle East, set for January 12, the Syrians presented Mr Arafat with a ready-made formula for an entry into the peace process which he could sell to his people.

Hitherto, the PLO has been reluctant to commit itself. Efforts by the Algerians and others to persuade Mr Arafat and his colleagues to form a government-in-exile as a preparatory move have not borne fruit.

According to Syrian strategy at the forthcoming Security Council debate the Palestine problem is to be presented as one of national rights of the Palestinians rather than of refugees. This has been the main precondition set by the PLO for its participation in any peace talks.

As Israel's violent reaction to recent events has shown, there are many obstacles ahead. Not least among them the attitude of the PLO itself towards Israel. The United States has made it clear that only after PLO recognition of the state of Israel will it consider changing its public stand of refusing to deal with Mr Arafat and his organization.

However, even on this point there have been some signs that things are moving. This came after Mr Arafat's visit to Moscow toward the end of last month, during which he discussed with Soviet leaders a formula under which the PLO could be brought into peace moves. Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, proposed that this could best be achieved if the PLO were to adopt an attitude conforming with the peace process.

The Russian advice included the PLO's acceptance o Israel's borders as they exist before the outbreak of hostil ties in 1967.

Clearly, such a step is diff cult for Mr Arafat and his sup porters. But the joint stat ment issued after the Mosc talks suggested that it mig not be as impossible as sounds. Both sides agreed th the Palestine problem can solved on the basis of guara teeing the rights of the Pal tinian people and establish a state "according to Unit Nations resolutions". T would mean the acceptance Israel.

Undoubtedly, a factor Palestinian thinking is t change that appears to be t ing place in American a tudes. This was best exem fied by the so-call "Saunders document". T testimony before a cong sional committee by Mr H Saunders, a Deputy Assist Secretary of State.

Mr Saunders treated t Palestinian problem as essential element in a Mid East solution in a man more thorough and more for ful than ever before by American official. He spoke bridging the gap which present prevents Israel and t PLO sitting at the negotiat table.

"It is obvious that think on the Palestinian aspects of t problem must evolve on sides" Mr Saunders declar "As it does, what is not p sible today may become p sible."

US congressmen see Hanoi ambassador

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Dec 7.

Twelve members of the United States House of Representatives had a five-hour meeting here yesterday with Mr Vo Van Sung, the North Vietnamese Ambassador in Paris, in the presence of a representative of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam. It was the first contact at political level between Americans and North Vietnamese since the Paris conference of January 1973.

Among the subjects discussed was the question of American nationals still missing in Vietnam. According to United States calculations, there are still 820 Americans unaccounted for.

Mr Paul McCloskey, a member of the House committee for missing persons in South-East Asia, said after the meeting that there was no indication that any American airman or soldier was still held prisoner in Vietnam.

Mr Gillespie Montgomery, the leader of the delegation, said the contact established with the North Vietnamese Government would be pursued at all levels by the American administration. He added that the delegation had met Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, before leaving Washington and had explained to the ambassador the standpoint of the State Department. The talks had dealt with the normalization of diplomatic relations, the possibility of establishing economic and commercial relations, and the lifting of the American embargo on aid to Vietnam.

Mr Vo Van Sung had given assurances that there was no longer a single American soldier or civilian imprisoned in Vietnam, and had implied that all those still in the country would be allowed to leave

As a demonstration of good will, the bodies of three American airmen would be flown back

Greek party breaks with Communist

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Dec 7

The United Democratic L (EDA), the party which h acted as a parliamentary su stitute for the outlawed Gre Communist Party in the l 25 years, severed its ties wi the Communists this week a proclaimed itself an autonomous socialist party.

The extreme left-wing clai only about one out of eve seven Greek voters, yet t EDA's transfiguration is signi cant in view of the profou divisions that bedevil the Gre Communist camp.

The EDA cooperated with t two main Communist groupin in the last elections, and ma aged to elect only one depu It has a greater affinity wi the Western-minded Communi Party "of the Interior", tha with the more dogmat Moscow-line "Communist Part of Greece".

The EDA's manifesto published this week highlighted its drastic dissociation with the Communist camp. The renovated party rejects the dictatorship of the proletariat and calls for the simultaneous abolition of Nato and the Warsaw Pact, "military coalitions that do not further the cause of peace".

"The EDA favours the multi-party system," the manifesto said.

The EDA is led by Mr Elias Eliou, a lawyer and veteran politician.

Hoffa case suspects clash with police in courthouse

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Dec 7

The investigation into the disappearance of Mr James Hoffa, the former Teamsters Union president, who is now said by federal officials to have been murdered, took a new turn yesterday with an identity parade in Pontiac, Michigan, of possible suspects.

There was a scuffle with fists between participants in the parade and police inside the court building. Lawyers for the men summoned to appear protested that it was a "kangaroo" court. They were all briefly arrested and charged with defiance of a court order. But prosecutors said that their subsequent compliance with the order made it likely that the charge would be dismissed.

The dormant case, which has a strong aroma of the Mafia, came to life last week when federal officials revealed in court that they had two witnesses. One claimed to have seen Mr Hoffa's abduction last July 30. The second was said to have identified three men with Teamsters links in New Jersey as "active participants". The parade was ordered to see whether the first unnamed witness could corroborate the identification made by the second.

The names and pictures of the three men have been broadcast nationally but they have not been held on any charge.

No result of yesterday's parade has been announced.

Mr Smith to reshuffle his Cabinet

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Dec 7

Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, is expected to announce several Cabinet changes. Mr Clifford Dupont, the head of state, is retiring at the end of the year and is almost certain to be replaced by Senator John Wrathall, the Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr David Smith, the Minister of Agriculture, is likely to take over his two posts. Mr Smith's promotion was forecast when he was included in the Prime Minister's team on the constitutional talks with Mr Joshua Nkomo, the African nationalist leader.

Mr Reginald Cowper, the Minister of Coordination and Public Service, is thought to be the next Minister of Agriculture, and Mr Rollo Hayman, the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, might succeed Mr Wickus de Kock, who resigned recently as Minister of Information, Immigration and Tourism.

Senator Desmond Lardner Burke, aged 65, the controversial Minister of Justice and Law and Order, is expected to retire and be replaced by Mr Hilary Squires, aged 44, who is a popular backbencher and highly regarded lawyer.

Athens worried by proposal on Cyprus talks

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Dec 7

The prospect of an e resumption of negotiations a Cyprus settlement are to discussed next week when foreign ministers of Greece Turkey meet in Brussels du the winter session of the N Council of Ministers.

Turkey's suggestion fo switch from intercomm talks under the auspices of Kurt Waldheim, the Un Nations Secretary-General, negotiating procedure w would bring in also represe tives from Greece and Tur is causing some grave mis ings in Athens.

The Greeks point out that offer was made by Mr Iagangil, the Turkish For Minister, in a statement to press, not through diplom channels, about six days be the Brussels meeting.

Poles favour contacts with West

Warsaw, Dec 7.—Directives issued in Warsaw today for the seventh Polish Communist Party Congress signal the end of a Kremlin debate and indicate Soviet adherence to a popular front policy of cooperation with Western European parliamentary parties.

The congress, which opens tomorrow, is to be attended by Mr Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, and most East block leaders. The directives state:

"Our party fully endorses the development of contacts between Communist, Socialist and Social Democratic and other democratic groupings."

Poland's orthodoxy in ideological questions, and close coordination with Moscow on party matters, leaves no doubt that the popular front approach—favoured by the major West European parties—has won the day, observers in Warsaw said.

South Africa bars visit to Britain

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg, Dec 7

Dr Beyers Naude, director of the Christian Institute in South Africa and a leading opponent of apartheid, has been refused a passport to attend a meeting in London. Dr Naude had been invited to address the Royal Institute of International Affairs on December 16 on the subject of "the individual and the state in South Africa".

A few weeks ago he applied for his passport, which had been withdrawn last December, to be returned. This weekend he received a letter saying his application had been refused. No reason was given.

Dr Naude said today he was deeply disappointed as he had been looking forward to giving the address and meeting old friends in London. His talk was to have been a sequel to one given last month by Dr Muller, the Foreign Minister.

Bulgarian arrests alleged

Belgrade, Dec 7.—A Yugoslav newspaper today claimed that the Bulgarian authorities are forcing members of minorities to abandon their nationality and declare themselves to be "pure Bulgarians".

The claim, in *Nova Makedonija*, coincided with Yugoslav press and television allegations that the current population census in Bulgaria is designed to conceal the existence of other nationalities, especially a large Macedonian minority.

Informed sources here said last week that Bulgaria had protested to Yugoslavia over newspaper allegations that it had been arresting and deporting Macedonians.

Nova Makedonija, published in the Yugoslav Macedonian capital of Skopje, said a Bulgarian Muslim fled the country last year after Bulgarian officials forced him to state in writing that he had voluntarily assumed a Bulgarian name.

The man had been refused employment and permission to collect his newly-born baby from hospital and had been threatened with imprisonment before he signed a document changing his name.—Reuter.

Mr Ennals listens to rival Rhodesian nationalists

Dar es Salaam, Dec 7.—Mr David Ennals, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, today met separately President Nyerere, of Tanzania, and Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of one of the factions of the African National Congress in Rhodesia. The British High Commission said both meetings centred on developments in Rhodesia.

Mr Ennals arrived yesterday from Lusaka where he had talks with Mr Joshua Nkomo, leader of a rival ANC faction, who is engaged in negotiations with Mr Smith, Prime Minister of Rhodesia.

Bishop Muzorewa said after an hour and a half with Mr Ennals, that he had expected him to try to dissuade his organization from intensifying the armed struggle in Rhodesia, "but he just wanted to hear our position". He had told Mr Ennals that Mr Nkomo had reached a secret agreement on Rhodesia's future.

He had also said, to him: "We cannot be asked to rubber stamp wha Smith Nkomo have agred upon." group could ot enter more talks with Mr Smith Mr Nkomo.

Bishop Muzorewa said th any settlemen between Smith and Mr Nkomo was nounced, his side would forced to remin in opposi

Mr Ennals was expecte return to Lonon tonight.

On his arrial he said Bri was not takin sides in the split. His mision was to li to all partis and "to o help if possole".

In Lusaka informed sou said Mr Enals told Mr Nk that there was no possib of British military interven if constitutional talks br down and large-scale guer war bega.—Reuter.

Our Lusaka correspond writes: Mr Ennals and Nkomo expressed themsel well plesed with their ta here an said they would keeping in close touch fr now on

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m Frank Vogl
shington, Dec 7

he United States Senate passed a Bill granting 300m (£1,150m) in short-n loans to New York City. a result "there is no ger a probability that the will go into default", Mr gh Carey, Governor of New k, said today.

le said he expected President Ford to sign the legislation this week. But Mr Carey ed that while the city's ncial crisis might now be ed, at least for the short n, the state faced serious ncial problems of its own. ie would propose a new gramme to the state legislature this week to strengthen state's main construction ncies.

lew York state's leading construction agency needs to raise 0m (£50m) by tomorrow k to avoid going into default. A default could bring to andstill the vast majority of lic construction in New York e. It almost certainly would are the subsequent default three other state housing ncies which all need to borrow money in the coming ks.

he New York state housing ncy has issued so-called oral obligation" bonds that investors the assurance the state will save the ncy from bankruptcy at any e of crisis. Mr Carey said in elevision interview that 30 es now issue "moral gation" bonds. The failure New York state to rescue its struction agency now could termine investor confidence all existing "moral obligation" issues across the nation.

The governor said the New rk crisis had served as a rning of the growing financial problems of urban America. said the principal issue in country today made unemployment, and jobs could now ly be provided by Federal vernment backing of programmes in the main metropolitan regions. He suggested it the Administration in ashington was doing nothing address itself to these difficulties.

Mr Carey said the New York sis had made all Americans are of the need for balanced vernment budgets. He felt tain that President Ford ald not win next year's elec-n.

mericans were sufficiently erning to see that the President had insisted that New k took swift and drastic on to balance its own budget but had done nothing to uce the Federal Government's own deficit of about .000m.

Whitlam campaign tone remains defensive and complaining

From Michael Leapman
Sydney, Dec 7

Australian political commentators are taking it for granted, on the basis of the opinion polls, that Mr Malcolm Fraser's Liberal-Country Party coalition will win next Saturday's election easily. Many of their commentaries this weekend are devoted to analysing the reasons for the expected defeat of Mr Gough Whitlam's Labour Party. Yet Mr Whitlam and his supporters maintain a surprising degree of confidence that such a result is not yet inevitable.

I caught up with the Whitlam caravan at Bathurst, 130 miles inland from Sydney, across the Blue Mountains. He addressed a meeting of enthusiastic supporters, who were spilling out of the doors and climbing up the windows of the police boys' club.

"Fraser believes the polls that his newspaper backers have conducted", Mr Whitlam told the meeting. Reporters travelling with him said that he appeared as firmly convinced in private as in public that the polls were fixed in Mr Fraser's favour.

Mr Robert Hawke, the Labour Party president, made the same claim at a meeting near Sydney today. He spoke of "manufactured polls" and said that a by-election for a New South Wales state seat yesterday was a more reliable indicator. In it, the Liberals held the seat but there was a 12 per cent swing to Labour, though electoral experts say that a number of factors make it an unsafe guide to the national result.

Mr Hawke also quoted a report in *The Times* as authority for Labour's claim that the Australian press was biased against them. This view is shared by Labour supporters I spoke to at the Bathurst meeting. "They are spending a lot on the media but we are not admitting defeat yet", a railway worker said. He had come from Lithgow, some 40 miles away.

Yet the tone of Mr Whitlam's campaign remains defensive and petulant. "Things have happened to my Government that never happened to any previous Australian government", he said. So far as policies were concerned, he made his *now* familiar assertion that Mr Fraser planned to destroy the welfare system which Labour had created, and he dwelt for some time on local issues. There was no hint of a substantive programme.

Not that Mr Fraser is going into specifics in his appearances, either. He addressed a rally in a Sydney suburb this afternoon, sharing a platform for the first time in this campaign with Mr Douglas Anthony, the leader of the National Country Party, the Liberals' coalition partners.

With the polls running for him, Mr Fraser's style of speaking has changed subtly from carping to taunting, though as he meets local dignitaries his *expression* becomes more and more glazed. He dwelt on his pet themes of extravagance by the Whitlam Government ("You have to work an extra month a year just to pay the Government's bills"), and on how with a Liberal Government the good times were just round the corner.

"Do you want an Australia free, democratic and prosperous?" he asked, and everyone roared: "Yes". "People do not want to be thrust into a mould of socialist conformity", he went on, and, everyone roared: "No".

The theme of his campaign is to take Australia back to the good old days. It was thus appropriate that his appearance should be preceded by a rendering of "I Believe", an old Johnny Ray song from the 1950s; and by "Waltzing Matilda" and "God Save the Queen".

Mr Anthony made a speech even more empty of content. "I come to you from rural Australia and I can say that all is going well", he declared. He added that what Australia needed at this time was a man of integrity, and Mr Fraser was that man.

Mr Anthony is a much more forceful speaker than Mr Fraser. In spite of the complimentary things he said about his coalition leader today, the liaison between the two parties is not altogether a happy one, with squabbles about which should contest which seat. Still, as neither can achieve power without the other, they are likely to stick together.

At neither the Labour nor the coalition meeting, nor at any other I have attended, has there been any serious violence. Somebody threw a lawn rake through a window at Mr Whitlam's Bathurst rally, and people have been throwing varied items of food at Mr Fraser—eggs, meat pies and a chicken leg—but nothing worse

At the start of the campaign two letter bombs were dispatched, but fears that this would herald a campaign of violence and bitterness have so far been unjustified. The fierce language of the contestants has fortunately not been reflected in fierce deeds.

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Ecuador dictator to make way for civilian rule

Quito, Dec 7.—President Rodriguez Lara, Ecuador's military dictator for nearly four years, announced last night he will resign and make way for civilian rule.

The 51-year-old general, harassed by mounting political opposition, said he would spell out his plans for a transfer of power next February, and would allow the people to choose their own political solution.

Just before his announcement, a bomb exploded in the presidential palace, destroying a staircase and lift but not causing any injuries.

General Rodriguez Lara survived an abortive coup, in *which at least 24 people died,* in September. The rebels demanded free elections. Last month there was a brief general strike against him.

Unita denial of military aid from South Africa

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka, Dec 7

The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) has offered military bases to the South-West African People's Organization (Swapo) in Angola in accordance with an agreement reached between the two movements in 1968.

Mr Jorge Sangumba, the Unita Secretary of Information, revealed this in Lusaka, today in an interview. He had been asked about reports that Unita was receiving military support from South Africa.

He said that South African military presence in Angola was confined to southern Angola where South Africans were protecting the Kunene dam. That presence was aimed at creating a buffer zone. He denied that South Africa was giving Unita military support.

Commenting on Tanzania's recognition of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), he said: "Tanzania has a record of backing the wrong horse, and even in the case of backing MPLA, I hope they are backing a wrong horse. But this recognition is also bound to divide the Organization of African Unity."

Mr Sangumba said that the Russians wanted to impose a government in Angola so that they could exploit diamonds, uranium, oil and other natural resources.

Mr Jonas Savimbi the Unita leader arrives in Lusaka tonight to brief President Kaunda of Zambia on the war situation in Angola. Zambia has recognized all the three warring nationalists movements in Angola.

Leading article, page 13

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m Fred Emery
shington, Dec 7

resident Ford arrived back he United States today from Far East tour, stopping to ak at Pearl Harbour on the ty-fourth anniversary of the anese attack.

tanding in the monument top of the hulk of the USS zona, he said: "We who remember Pearl Harbour will er drop our guard, nor unilaterally dismantle our defences, we Americans must, and l, use our moral leadership to bring the Pacific community and world . . . closer to real and reliable peace".

Mr Ford, who fought in the navy in the Pacific, said he came to "this hallowed place with feelings overcoming words", asking why young men had to die rather than live for their countries. "I believe we can build a safer and saner world", he said. It was in that belief that he had twice travelled to East Asia to talk peace.

Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, is in Japan to inform Japanese leaders of the President's talks in Peking. American reporters on his airliner report that he will decide within the next couple of days whether to visit Moscow to revive negotiations on a nuclear arms agreement.

Inspired reports abound here that the Soviet Union has "blinked" in the stalemate. Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, the Soviet Ambassador, has brought word of some Soviet willingness to compromise.

At the same time opponents of Dr Kissinger are suggesting that the United States is about to make damaging concessions. Senator Henry Jackson, a Democratic presidential candidate, is reported to be ready to reenter the fray with new allegations of Soviet duplicity.

Relatively independent sources, such as experts in the Central Intelligence Agency who have no particular love for Dr Kissinger, indicate that he is being charged unfairly with conniving at Soviet violations of the first strategic arms limitations agreement.

In brief

Allende nephew is refused safety

Santiago, Dec 7.—Chile last night refused safe conduct to Señor Andres Pascal Allende, nephew of the late President and leader of the left-wing guerrilla movement, who took refuge in the Costa Rican embassy here a month ago.

Costa Rica has decided to grant political asylum to Señor Allende and a friend, Señorita Mary Anne Beansire. The Chilean Foreign Ministry said it had asked the embassy to hand the couple over.

The bucket brigade

Charleston, South Carolina, Dec 7.—A new city law requiring horses to wear napkins to prevent their droppings fouling the streets has been suspended *for 30 days* while an alternative scheme, involving radio-dispatched motorcyclists clearing up the manure, is evaluated.

Israel football ban

Tel Aviv, Dec 7.—The Israel Football Federation today cancelled all lower division matches for one month as a result of the fatal stabbing of a player in a riot on the pitch at Rehovot yesterday.

Journalist murdered

Philadelphia, Dec 7.—Mr John Knight, aged 30, a journalist and an heir to his family's newspaper fortune, was stabbed to death today in his flat during an attempted robbery, police said.

Fishermen freed

Tokyo, Dec 7.—Five Japanese fishermen kidnapped by Muslim rebels in the South Philippines last month have been released.

Dr Coggan defends Britain's record on race

m Our Correspondent
robi, Dec 7

he Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Donald Coggan, said that, although the British ple as well as other nations much to repent of over racist attitudes, they had engaged for the past 30 s in rectifying the situa-.

r Coggan, who is attending assembly of the World ncil of Churches said the ement on Friday of Dr ip Potter, General Secreof the Council that the ish people were among the t racist in history had dissed more than the British nbers of the assembly.

I speak as one inexorably osed to racism, if by that is nt the exploitation and jugation of a people by a re powerful people of another race", he said. "I speak as one who supports the Programme to Combat Racism, except in so far as it condones the use of violence to achieve its ends."

It was in reference to the reservations expressed by many delegates to the programme, which assists African liberation groups, that Dr Potter's remarks were made on Friday.

The assembly elected among its six presidents the first Russian Orthodox representative, Metropolitan Nikodim of Leningrad and the first two women, Mrs Annie Jiagge, an appeal court judge from Ghana, and Dr Cynthia Wedel, an American psychologist. The other presidents are Archbishop Olof Sundby of Sweden, General T. B. Simatupang of Indonesia, and the Rev J. Miguez-Bonino of Argentina.

A move to replace Metropolitan Nikodim by Dr M. M. Thomas, of South India, introduced at yesterday's plenary session by Mr William Thompson, an American Presbyterian delegate, was defeated.

At a press conference, Metropolitan Nikodim was asked about his reaction to complaints of the persecution of Christians in the Soviet Union. He replied that the Orthodox Church was concerned "in the fate of our brothers in the faith", but the question was too big to be dealt with at a press conference.

At the same conference, Archbishop Sundby said relations between the Council and the Roman Catholic Church had been more intimate and more intensive than ever before during the past seven years. "I hope the Nairobi assembly will only be a step further on the way to a full communion", he added.

It was agreed that the assembly, which ends on Wednesday, had been less spectacular than some of its predecessors, but it was producing clear guidelines for nearly 300 member churches to follow on a wide range of important issues.

The assembly expressed deep concern that some governments and multinational companies are becoming involved in the financing and construction of nuclear power plants in South Africa. It named General Electric, of the United States, Rijn-Schelde-Verolme and Verenigde Bedrijven Bredero of Holland, Brown Boveri of Switzerland, Kraftwerk Union of West Germany, and Fromatome of France, as being involved.

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Football

Eight clubs can go on passing the parcel

By Gerald Sinstadt

Colin Waldron, the captain of Burnley, has called the first division this season "a division of mediocrity". He was speaking after his team's dismissal from the Football League Cup on Wednesday. As Burnley had also lost five consecutive League games, that opinion may smack of the pot addressing the kettle. Waldron acknowledged that with a wry grin, but Saturday's results lent some support to his argument. Burnley held Liverpool to a goalless draw, and of the top 13 clubs only Leeds United were winners. There are now six clubs bunched on 27 and 26 points at the head of the table.

Whether the levelling of standards has been up or down is open to debate, but it is undeniable that a plausible case could be made for any of the current first eight ending the season as champions. This is not without its weaknesses. For the championship to resemble a children's game of pass the parcel, with the prize falling into the lap of whoever is lucky when the music stops, makes one wish for a less arbitrary distribution of honours.

On the other hand, at a time of economic stringency, it is eminently satisfactory that interest should be spread across the country and sustained for a full eight and a half months. Merseyside is feeling the pinch at present. Everton's attendance to see Saturday's game against Ipswich, 24,601, was the lowest for a League fixture at Goodison Park this season.

Liverpool suffered similarly at Anfield on Tuesday when only 27,447 watched Arsenal. But the trend is not reflected nationally.

On Saturday, the total attendance in the first division was 304,561. This was the best for the first Saturday in December since 1971, and only about 5,000 inferior to the figures for 1968 and 1969.

The closeness of the race also suggests that the frequently expressed fear of a small elite monopolizing the outstanding talent is still some way from realization. Derby County, for example, felt able to keep their £300,000 recruit, Leighton James, on the substitute bench at St Andrew's for two thirds of their game against Birmingham. They lost both the match and the leadership of the division.

Next Saturday Derby travel to London to tackle Queen's Park Rangers, who have replaced them at the top, thanks to a point from a goalless draw with Manchester City, and a superior goal average. In the next couple of days Rangers' manager, Dave Sexton, will have to make the metaphorical switch from tracksuit to white coat in order to decide whether Stan Bowles has recovered from the psychological unreadiness which seemingly precluded his participation at Maine Road.

Of the other pacemakers, Manchester United can feel satisfied with their scoreless draw at Middlesbrough. A goal by Liverpool's McDermott is the only shot to have passed Platt at Ayresome Park in 13 games in various league and cup competitions this season. The willingness of United's manager, Tommy Docherty, to tinker with a successful side, received a setback when Forsyth, restored to right back for the first time, since August, was carried off on a stretcher. However, first fears of a fractured ankle proved unfounded.

Liverpool have more serious cause for concern. Three weeks ago they were lying second with a game in hand and approaching four fixtures against moderate opposition, three of them at home. The draw at Burnley on Saturday meant that the four matches have yielded only three points.

Now Liverpool must gear themselves for the second leg of their Uefa Cup third round tie against Slask Wroclaw on Wednesday. It seemed like a formality in the immediate aftermath of their success in Poland, but that 2—1 victory was achieved by strength of character and from good fortune on an icebound pitch. In Liverpool's present uncertain frame of mind it may occur to them that they do not really know how skilful the Poles will be in more favourable conditions here.

Derby fall now could help them rise later

By Norman Fox

If Derby County go to Queen's Park Rangers next Saturday and play as badly as they did at Birmingham City last Saturday, they will not only forfeit their place at the top of the first division but probably be overtaken by Leeds United and Manchester United, both of whom have easier fixtures. For both with and without their £300,000 newcomer, Leighton James, who only appeared in the last half an hour, Derby again turned what should have been a comfortable away win into an unconvincing, mistake-riddled performance unbecoming of League champions.

They had acted similarly at Wolverhampton against a team of similar standing and similar quality. They dazzle everyone when at home and become myopic away, and the likely suspension of Lee for several matches may make Dave Mackay's task of fitting James into the team a lot easier, but could easily see Derby slip out of the championship race until well into the new year. Yet, as long as the slide is not too long and slippery, it could be a benefit, allowing the team to incorporate James and rebuild confidence away from home without the added burden of being everyone's prize target.

Birmingham won 2—1 because whatever their weaknesses and there are many, they have plodding determination and two outstanding tacticians in Burns and Francis. James might have remained the most expensive substitute in the League if it had not been for the work of these two. Birmingham were 2—1 ahead and Mr Mackay decided to add another attacker and remove Newton. This was of no lasting significance because in happier circumstances James would have been a straight replacement for one of the recognized front men. It is possible that when the time comes to accommodate James and Lee, James will find himself being used as a tactical substitute in several difficult matches.

James here made a couple of smart sprints along the left wing and placed two good centres. Some Birmingham players took great pleasure in trying to kick him, which showed that times had not changed since Best was around. In fact, Birmingham had no reason to be offensive because only two Derby players, Gemmill and George, were real threats to their badly needed points. George and Francis vied for the spotlight and George, mainly because of an audacious goal, was the greater entertainer. His goal was superb; a moment of wit and skill combined to show that not all League football is drowned in work-rate and pre-conceived ideas.

Latchford, the Birmingham goalkeeper, *carried the ball out of the* penalty area. The referee gave a *direct free-kick, whistled before* the Birmingham defence had formed a screen, and George lofted and curled the kick over Latchford into a far top corner. The referee should take a small percentage of the credit for acting so quickly but, by some players accounts, it was a controversial decision—the best often are.

Birmingham did not make a dramatic recovery; Derby merely failed to progress. Rioch had already missed an open goal that, added to George's kick, would have put the game beyond City's reach, but then Francis began looking remarkably like a more slightly built *Brooking*—carrying the ball diagonally across the field, passing neatly into the right spaces. He gave Burns Birmingham's first goal, a header over a strangely *ill*-positioned Boulton.

In the end, Birmingham confounded even their own followers by playing some interesting, counter-attacking football that brought them the winning goal when a move from their own half ended with Hatton squaring the ball across the penalty area for Page to score in his first game of the season.

BIRMINGHAM CITY: D. Latchford; I. Osborne, A. Want, H. Kendall, J. Gallagher, K. Burns, M. Page, T. Francis, P. Withe, R. Hatton, T. Hibbitt.

DERBY COUNTY: C. Boulton; R. Thomas, D. Nish, B. Rioch, R. McFarland, C. Todd, H. Newton (sub, L. James), A. Gemmill, F. Lee, K. Hector, C. George.

Referee: R. W. Toseland (Kettering).

A good case for bending the laws

By Clive White

There ought to be a law against it. It is matches like this which make you wish you could change the laws of the game and appoint three judges to rectify unjust score-lines. In this perfect world Arsenal would have been declared the winners on Saturday by a unanimous verdict. In the cold terms of the Football League Leeds United won 2—1.

Arsenal always looked like winning and did everything but score more goals than the opposition. In the end the solitary difference between the two sides was a young man who not so long ago was a virtual outcast in his own club—Duncan McKenzie. To make matters worse the deciding blow fell two minutes from time and owed everything to a wicked deflection off the back of Arsenal's Rice after a typically cheeky run and cross by the small Leeds *sharpshooter*.

He later claimed, among other things, that he bent the ball, and then in a brief moment of modesty said he was really aiming for Clarke, which sounded more like it since Leeds succeeded in doing little right. Jimmy Armfield, the manager, said Arsenal lacked someone like McKenzie, who now was an integral part of the Leeds set-up. He has scored seven times in the past six games.

At the start we waited for Leeds to settle down after a few opening jabs from Arsenal and prove that old champions can come back. Their recent return to form has been attributed by the players to Don Howe, their new coach, and, of course, rather ironically, formerly Arsenal's. But it was soon clear they were never going to settle and Arsenal had no intention of letting them. Their game was so introverted that Lorimer looked more like a right back and Eddie Gray nothing like a right half. You felt like moving the pitch back 50 paces for them. Curiously though this attitude is not borne out by their record, which shows they have scored the second largest number of away points.

Needless to say the build-ups broke down a long way short of the Arsenal line, usually in midfield where it was home rule. If those same judges were to have given marks on the battle of the fireballs in midfield, it would have been declared a non-contest. While Ball blazed bright with the burning ambition of a young man about to start out on a promising international career, Bremner smouldered like the dying embers of a late evening fire. For Bremner it must have been embarrassing and overwhelming to be in the presence of this frisky contemporary, running about and shrieking orders with a total involvement that suggested 1966 was only yesterday. Ball also had the skilfull assistance of Brady, who sliced through the Leeds defence with passes of telling accuracy.

In attack Arsenal had Kidd, quick on the drive, and Stapleton, who heads footballs as though he has been doing it since the cradle. But Leeds, without a centre forward in the Jordan or Jones tradition, had to rely on what McKenzie could pick up, scuttling around among the Arsenal back line.

An offering by Armstrong late in the first half was rejected by the underside of the Leeds bar to kill off premature applause before Leeds went ahead, as is the way, after 51 minutes, McKenzie pouncing on a Lorimer cross that was always curling away from Rimmer. He was injured in the process and replaced in goal by Storey for three minutes. But, within 20 second of the restart, the 10 men had equalised, Brady scoring with a rasping drive. Seldom has an equaliser been more thoroughly deserved. Only with the enemy injured did Leeds venture forth for a quick kill, but Lorimer made a hash of it, lashing out wildly at the trembling Storey. Then Rimmer returned for the final distorted act and McKenzie's crooked winner.

McKenzie bursts between Rimmer, the Arsenal goalkeeper, and O'Leary to score Leeds' first goal at Highbury.

ARSENAL: J. Rimmer; P. Rice, S. Nelson, P. Storey, D. O'Leary, R. Powling, G. Armstrong, A. Ball, F. Stapleton, B. Kidd, L. Brady.

LEEDS UNITED: D. Harvey; P. Reaney, F. Gray, W. Bremner, P. Madeley, T. Cherry, P. Lorimer, A. Clarke, D. McKenzie, T. Yorath, E. Gray.

Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester).

Point helps to ease tension

By Tom German

The furrows creasing brows at Burnley and Liverpool will be a little pronounced now. Burnley's, of course, are still much the deeper. They had lost six matches in a row before Saturday and, with a whole catalogue of wounded strictly limiting their choice of forwards, are short of tools with which to hack a toehold on the slippery slope at the foot of the championship. Liverpool, meanwhile, had been spurning a chance to take half a stride away from the rest of the first division pacemakers by failing to win their last three matches, all of them at home. So a point each from Saturday's goalless match at Turf Moor, helped to ease the tension in both camps.

If there was going to be a winner it was more likely to be Liverpool, sharper and more cohesive when moving forward, especially when Keegan periodically nipped in to quicken the pace and lend variety to their direction. But Burnley, adjusting to a future without James, can look with satisfaction on the way they welded into a busy, challenging unit, usually diverting Liverpool into blind alleys.

What proved to be mostly a containing operation inevitably provided its key figures in Burnley's rearguard. Waldron was one of them: he eliminated any threat from Toshack in the air, and made one particularly important clearance 10 minutes from the end, quickly reaching back a sturdy leg to hook the ball away just as Toshack stooped to head what could easily have been the winner.

Young Peyton, at 19 making his first appearance as Burnley's goalkeeper, was another whose contribution was important. He erred lamentably just after the half hour when Callaghan's shot squirmed from his arms and gave Heighway a chance but the speed of the action was off-putting and Heighway's quickly applied foot put the ball against the outside of a post. Peyton's confidence swelled and he reacted particularly swiftly early in the second half when Callaghan's corner kick seemed, for a moment, to give Thompson the whole goal to aim at: the next Peyton had somehow flung himself into the source of the shot.

A match of a good deal of effort and interest yielded few moments of danger other than these. Burnley's guns were spiked, Jones was notably effective, stubbornly refusing to allow Summerbee to shake him off, and Clemence had little more than a few catches to make. Yet Burnley almost won the match at the 11th hour with their one shot of serious intent. The ball bounced awkwardly off Jones's knees and bobbed to Hankin who took aim. Clemence was beaten but the ball curled in the last few yards and whistled a foot or so outside a post.

BURNLEY: G. Peyton; M. Docherty, K. Newton, W. Ingham, C. Waldron, J. Thomson, M. Summerbee, K. Kennerley, R. Hankin, B. Flynn, P. Bradshaw.

LIVERPOOL: R. Clemence; P. Neal, J. Jones, P. Thompson, R. Kennedy, E. Hughes, K. Keegan, J. Case, S. Heighway, J. Toshack, I. Callaghan.

Referee: R. Matthewson (Bolton).

Proof that goals are not everything

By Gerry Harrison

Norwich City's 1—0 victory over West Ham United on Saturday provided 90 minutes of evidence and example for those who believe that goals are not everything. A few more might have been a welcome embellishment, of course, but there were plenty of patrons among Carrow Road's bigges crowd of the season who felt they had quite enough on their plate for one week's digestion.

DOespite the relentless pace of the game, the control and passing were of a particularly high standard. The battle for midfield between Machin, Suggett and Morris on the one hand, and Brooking, McDowell and Paddon on the other, was fascinating. It made a pleasant change to see defenders like Lock, Lampard, Sullivan and Jones using the ball constructively all the time, not just now and again. And the positional play and running of forwards like Alan Taylor, Boyer, Robson and MacDougall was outstanding.

The links between the two sides, personal and in principle, are numerous. John Bond, the Norwich manager, had 15 seasons at Upton Park as a player and openly confesses his admiration of the way West Ham play and are coached. It showed in the similar styles of the sides. The difference is West Ham are enjoying their eighteenth consecutive season in the first division; Norwich are hanging on to the top level after five months' hard labour.

That there was no evidence of this gulf of experience is an indication of how well Norwich played, proving to a few million unbelievers that last week's victory at Liverpool was no fluke. This change of fortune began, incidentally, after four days' break in Bournemouth, brought about by four consecutive defeats. British Tourist Board, please note.

West Ham in the end were worn down. Perhaps they missed the injured Bonds more than they at first believed. It was only their third defeat in 13 cup and league matches away from home. The first half was well balanced, the second clearly Norwich City's. Taylor, Lock, Day and Lampard defended well, although Peters and Boyer might have put the issue beyond doubt much earlier.

The winner, however, was a well-worked affair. From the back of the Norwich defence the ball came to MacDougall, wide on the left; from him back to Sullivan, forward to Peters, who crossed superbly for MacDougall, who had not hung about to reach the centre of the penalty area, to glance his header past Day as he rushed out.

MacDougall's 18th goal of the season clearly gave him great satisfaction. After remarks he made publicly about wanting Fulham to win the FA Cup last season, some of West Ham's players refused to play in a testimonial match against Norwich for their defender, David Stringer. MacDougall dropped out and the show went on. Seven months later he took revenge gleefully.

The sordid fighting and scuffling, mostly among youths and children, after the match took some of the shine off the afternoon, but except for the unfortunate injured and the 31 arrested, nobody could deny that entertainment won the day handsomely.

NORWICH CITY: K. Keelan; D. Jones, C. Sullivan, P. Morris, D. Forbes, D. Stringer, M. Machin, L. MacDougall, P. Boyer, C. Suggett, M. Peters.

WEST HAM UNITED: M. Day; K. Coleman, F. Lampard, J. McDowell, T. Taylor, K. Lock, A. Taylor, G. Paddon, P. Holland, T. Brooking, K. Robson.

Referee: H. Davey (Mansfield).

Weekend results and tables

First division

Arsenal	1	Leeds	2
Birmingham	2	Derby	1
Burnley	0	Liverpool	0
Everton	3	Ipswich	3
Leicester	2	Wolverhampton	0
Manchester C	0	Q P Rangers	0
Middlesbrough	0	Manchester U	0
Newcastle	4	Coventry	0
Norwich	1	West Ham	0
Sheffield U	1	Tottenham	2
Stoke City	1	Aston Villa	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QP Rangers	20	9	9	2	28	13	27
Derby Co	20	11	5	4	30	[illegible]	27
Leeds United	19	11	4	4	33	20	26
Manchester U	20	11	4	5	30	19	26
Liverpool	20	9	8	3	[illegible]	19	26
West Ham	19	11	4	4	30	21	26
Manchester C	20	8	8	4	33	17	24
Stoke City	20	9	5	6	26	22	23
Middlesbrough	20	7	6	7	20	18	20
Everton	19	7	6	6	30	34	20
Newcastle	20	8	3	9	37	30	19
Ipswich	20	5	9	6	20	20	19
Tottenham	19	5	9	5	27	27	19
Aston Villa	20	6	7	7	23	28	19
Coventry	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	20	26	[illegible]
Norwich	20	7	4	9	[illegible]	31	18
Leicester	20	3	12	5	[illegible]	28	18
Arsenal	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Birmingham	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	12	[illegible]	20	15
Wolverhampton	20	3	[illegible]	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burnley	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sheffield U	20	1	3	16	13	44	5

Second division

Bristol City	0	Carlisle	0
Chelsea	0	Bolton	1
Notts County	3	Blackburn	0
Oldham	2	Fulham	2
Orient	1	Nottingham F	1
Oxford U	2	Bristol Rovers	1
Plymouth	1	Blackpool	2
Southampton	4	Sunderland	0
West Brom	3	Portsmouth	1
York City	1	Hull City	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	20	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	17	[illegible]
Bolton	20	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	20	[illegible]
Bristol City	20	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Notts Co	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
W Bromwich	20	8	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fulham	19	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Rovers	20	6	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oldham	20	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nottingham F	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chelsea	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southampton	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hull City	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Luton	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Orient	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	16	16	14
Blackburn	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Blackpool	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Plymouth	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Charlton	19	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Carlisle	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oxford	20	5	5	10	20	[illegible]	15
York City	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Portsmouth	20	1	6	13	11	35	8

Third division

Brighton	4	Hereford	2
Bury	0	Crystal P	1
Chester	2	Gillingham	2
Colchester	2	Sheffield W	1
Halifax	0	Peterborough	1
Mansfield	3	Swindon	1
Millwall	1	Cardiff	3
Preston NE	0	Wrexham	1
Rotherham	2	Chesterfield	0
Shrewsbury	5	Aldershot	3
Walsall	3	Port Vale	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	20	12	7	1	30	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brighton	19	11	2	6	38	[illegible]	[illegible]
Peterborough	19	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hereford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cardiff	19	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bury	19	7	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	17	[illegible]
Preston NE	19	8	5	6	[illegible]	20	[illegible]
Shrewsbury	19	8	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rotherham	19	7	6	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walsall	21	7	6	8	[illegible]	30	20
Aldershot	19	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	19
Grimsby	19	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Millwall	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colchester	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	17	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chester	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	18	[illegible]	[illegible]
Port Vale	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	19	[illegible]	17
Chesterfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wrexham	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Halifax	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillingham	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sheffield W	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southend	17	5	4	8	30	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swindon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mansfield	17	3	4	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	10

Scottish first division

Arbroath	3	East Fife	1
Clyde	1	Falkirk	4
Dumbarton	0	Airdrie	0
Dunfermline	1	Morton	0
Montrose	2	Queen of South	1
Partick Thistle	3	Hamilton	0
St Mirren	0	Kilmarnock	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kilmarnock	15	11	1	3	[illegible]	14	23
Partick Th	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Airdrie	13	5	[illegible]	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	17
Montrose	14	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	17
St Mirren	13	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Arbroath	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	15
Dumbarton	13	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	14
Falkirk	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clyde	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
East Fife	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morton	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dunfermline	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hamilton	13	4	[illegible]	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	11
Queen of Sth	13	1	4	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Preliminary round replay: Old Carthusians 1, Old Salopians 3. First round: Old [illegible] [illegible], Old Ardinians 1; Old Wellingburians 1, Old Etonians 0.

Fourth division

Bradford C	2	Barnsley	1
Brentford	3	Rochdale	0
Cambridge U	3	Tranmere	3
Doncaster	0	Torquay	1
Huddersfield	0	Exeter	1
Newport	4	Darlington	1
Northampton	2	Crewe	1
Reading	5	Stockport	0
Scunthorpe	1	Southport	2
Swansea	2	Hartlepool	1
Watford	1	Lincoln	3
Workington	1	Bournemouth	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincoln	[illegible]	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	19	31
Northampton	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	31
Reading	19	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	28
Tranmere	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bournemouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Huddersfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crewe	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Doncaster	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exeter	20	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swansea	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hartlepool	20	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	30	20
Cambridge	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brentford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rochdale	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Torquay	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bradford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Darlington	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Watford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barnsley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scunthorpe	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Workington	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southport	19	1	5	[illegible]	15	[illegible]	[illegible]

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	1	Rangers	0
Ayr	2	Dundee U	2
Dundee	2	Hibernian	0
Hearts	0	Celtic	1
Motherwell	2	St Johnstone	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motherwell	15	7	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hibernian	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rangers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	16	17
Hearts	[illegible]	5	6	4	[illegible]	19	16
Ayr	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dundee	15	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aberdeen	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dundee U	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11
St Johnstone	[illegible]	2	0	[illegible]	17	[illegible]	4

Scottish second division

Albion R	2	Berwick	2
E Stirling	0	Alloa	3
Meadowbank	1	Stirling Albion	3
Queens Park	1	Brechin	0
Raith	1	Clydebank	0
Stenhousemuir	1	Forfar	2
Stranraer	2	Cowdenbeath	4

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old [illegible] [illegible], Old Reptonians 2; Old Wykehamists 3, Old Cholmeleians 1.

Other matches

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 1, Dunstable 0; Bath 1, Dover 2; Burton 4, Nuneaton 0; Chelmsford 2, Tonbridge 0; Grantham 1, Weymouth 5; Gravesend and N 2, Hillingdon 1; Maidstone 2, Bedford 1; Margate 6, Cambridge City 2; Telford 1, Kettering 4; Yeovil 1, Wealdstone 1. First division—north: AP Leamington 5, Milton Keynes 2; Banbury 1, Tamworth 0; Barry 5, Corby 0; Bedworth 0, Worcester 0; Bromsgrove 2, Cheltenham 3; Gloucester 3, Redditch 5; Kidderminster 0, Enderby 0; Merthyr Tydfil 1, Barnet 1; Wellingborough 1, Oswestry 2; Witney T 2, King's Lynn 1. First division—south: Andover 0, Bexley 2; Ashford [illegible], Folkestone Shepway 1; Bognor Regis 0, Hastings 0; Dorchester [illegible], Salisbury [illegible]; Guildford [illegible], Dorking 1; Minehead 1, Metropolitan Police 1; [illegible] 0, Ramsgate [illegible]; Canterbury 2, Trowbridge 1; Dartford 5, Waterlooville 0; [illegible] 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: [illegible] S. Liverpool [illegible] Gainsborough [illegible] Lancaster [illegible] Runcorn [illegible] Netherfield [illegible].

FA VASE: Second round: [illegible]

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: [illegible] Second division: [illegible] Wembley [illegible].

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Hayes 1, Clapton 0; Leytonstone 0, Oxford C [illegible]; Tooting and Mitcham 1, Slough 0. Second division: Carshalton [illegible] [illegible] Hertford T 2, Aveley 3; Horsham 2, Hornchurch 1; Ware 1, Croydon 2; Wembley 1, Tilbury 1.

European results

AUSTRIAN: SSW Innsbruck 5, Austria Salzburg 2; Sturm Graz 1, Linzer ASK 0; Austria WAC 1, Austria Klagenfurt 0; Voest 2, Admira Wacker 0; Grazer AK 1, Rapid 0.

BELGIAN: Anderlecht 1, Beringen 0; Ostend 1, FC Bruges 2; Charleroi 1, Antwerp 1; Racing Malines 1, FC Malinois 1; Standard Liege 2, Lokeren 1; Beveren 0, La Louviere 0; Cercle Bruges 2, FC Liegeois 1; Waregem 2, Beerschot 1; Berchem 1, Racing White [illegible] 1.

BULGARIAN: Slavia 0, Minor 0; Dunav Rousse 1, Lokomotiv 0; Cherno More Varna 5, Botev 2; Akademik 0, Trakia 0; Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1, Spartak 0; Beroe 1, ZhSK Spartak 0.

DUTCH: Cup matches: Eindhoven 4, Wageningen 1; AZ 67 Alkmaar 2, FC Twente 0; Roda JC 2, Telstar 1; Ajax [illegible], Amsterdam 1; De Graafschap 1, [illegible] 0; Go Ahead Eagles 1, Feyenoord 1 (Feyenoord win on penalties); PSV Eindhoven 3, The Hague 2; SVV Schiedam 0, PEC Zwolle 2.

FRENCH: St Etienne [illegible], Bastia [illegible]; Marseilles 1, Monaco 0; Paris St Germain 2, Sochaux 3; Nice 2, Nantes 2; Nimes 1, Valenciennes 0; Lens 5, Avignon 1; Bordeaux 3, Lyons 1; Troyes [illegible], Nancy 0; Metz 3, Rheims 4; Lille [illegible], Strasbourg 0.

EAST GERMAN: Cup matches: Dynamo Berlin 3, [illegible] Magdeburg 1; Carl Zeiss Jena 2, Lokomotiv Leipzig 3; Frankfurt [illegible], Sachsenring Zwickau 0; Dynamo Dresden 3, Vorwaerts Dessau 0.

WEST GERMAN: Bayer Uerdingen 0, MSV Duisburg 1; FC Cologne 0, Borussia Moenchengladbach 4; Hertha BSC Berlin 2, Bayern Munich 1; Kickers Offenbach 1, Hanover 0; Eintracht Brunswick 3, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Schalke 2, FC Kaiserslautern 2; [illegible] Karlsruhe 2, VFL Bochum 2; Fortuna Dusseldorf 1, HSV Hamburg 0; Werder Bremen [illegible], Rot-Weiss [illegible].

GREEK: AEK 1, Ethnikos 0; Heraklis 1, [illegible] 1; Panathinaikos 2, Panachaiki 1; Aris [illegible], [illegible] 0; Yannina 0; PAOK 3, Kastoria [illegible]; Pierikos 2, Apollon 0; [illegible] 0, Panionios 1.

ITALIAN: Cesena 0, Bologna 0; Como 0, Ascoli 0; Fiorentina 2, Roma 0; Lazio 0, Napoli 1; Milan 2, Inter 1; Perugia 1, Verona 0; Sampdoria 2, Cagliari 1; Torino 2, Juventus 0.

PORTUGUESE: Belenenses 1, Boavista 1; Benfica 2, Guimaraes 0; Academico 3, Leixoes 0; Porto 2, Atletico 0; Braga 1, CUF 1; Tomar 2, Beira Mar 0; Setubal 1, Estoril 3.

SWISS: Cup matches: Grasshoppers 1, Sion 1 (Grasshoppers qualify on away goals); Lausanne 4, Bienne 1 (aggregate); Servette 3, Fribourg 0 (3—0 aggregate); Young Boys 0, Zurich 2 (1—3 aggregate).

Rugby Union

Australia left to contemplate how much was converted to nothing

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

The final turning point in a vibrant, entertaining international at Murrayfield on Saturday probably occurred shortly after half time when Australia, trailing nil—10 and to that point most harshly served by the fates, put Batch clear of all but one Scottish defender, 40 yards out on the right. Dick stopped him in his tracks with an extremely conclusive tackle.

By then, however, the Scottish forwards had signalled—particularly in the lineout—a steady recovery of poise and strength. Their Lions roared to the post and Scotland strode home to a 10th successive victory on their own lush turf by a goal and a try (10 points) to a penalty goal (3). It was a good way for Carmichael to finish his day, having started it, on his record 41st appearance, by leading out the side.

If Scottish finishing at the climax was sometimes as rough as that of Australia earlier, it occurred when the result looked foregone. Australia were left to contemplate how, after playing so much exciting football in the first half, they could have finished it with nothing to show.

Quite against expectation they began the match with a flow of possession from the set pieces, with the two-handed catching of their young No 8, Hillhouse, a frequent source in the middle of the lineout. A series of miss ploys, with McLean intruding from the rear, enabled them to break the Scottish midfield defence. One penetrating burst by the dashing Berne foundered when the hooker, Horton, was cut off by the Scottish cover.

A better chance was squandered when Batch stormed through the middle, and, with only Hay to beat, threw out a long, speculative pass that gave Hindmarsh no chance instead of kicking over the fullback's head, or even of going it alone. On another occasion, Cornelsen, outstanding in the first period, was all but over from a lineout.

By the second quarter Brown and McHarg were coming into their own at the lineout and everywhere else, and, after Telfer had sliced a dropshot and Morgan had missed a long penalty, Scotland fashioned a fine try. Morgan broke wide to the short side of a scrummage and, having scissored with Mackie, switched loose possession left with a long, overhead pass.

McGeechan, almost from a standing start, curved away left through an inviting gap, Hay came up outside him, and the full back's pass enabled Dick just to touch down by the flag through McLean's tackle. Dick had a leg thrust over the touchline a split second previously but the television replay seemed to indicate that it was not touching the ground. Morgan narrowly missed a long kick at goal.

Having mounted several switched attacks involving many pairs of hands but never able to finish them off, Australia in the 43rd *minute presented Scotland* with their second try. From a scrummage, Hindmarsh floated across both his centres to give a bad, high pass that rebounded off the chest of McLean directly to McGeechan. Hipwell caught McGeechan from behind but the centre slipped a pass to Renwick who, with Irvine available but not needed outside him, twinkled through to the post from a long way out. Morgan converted.

A dangerous high tackle, though not a premeditated one, by Berne on Morgan triggered off the one flare-up of the game and the replacement of Berne, who suffered rib cartilage damage by Weatherstone. Australia, waiting for reinforcement, and *in extremis* on their own line, not for the first time looked to collapse a scrummage, but, if Scotland felt hard done by, so must Australia at the frequent sight of their opponents lying offside in midfield. In this period of extreme Scottish pressure Irvine missed a sitting penalty after Hipwelll had fallen offside *of the scrummage*.

Australia had one further clear chance of a try when Batch, in a blockbusting burst, swept inside Hay only to be stopped at the line. But all they had to show was a 40 yards penalty kicked by McLean, to the sorry accompaniment of booing, after McLauchlan was offside at a maul. There was still time, in the last Scottish thrusts, for Telfer, with a three to two overlap, to gather in a pass safely and then to drop the ball.

Victory, then, to the more experienced, wiser and less ambitious side, in which Mackie made an auspicious, all-round first appearance and Morgan played a rounded and effective role at scrum half. McGeechan's judgment, the tackling of Dick and calm bravery of Hay under pressure were other features. Scotland's forwards were surprised and impressed by Australia's performance in the tight scrummages, which ended about all square, but, as has been implied they waxed fiercely in all other phases by the end.

The speed of service and resource of Hipwell contributed significantly to the Australian effort. Berne again looked an exciting player in the making, and McLean could only be faulted for the inaccuracy of his dropouts, which gave Scotland comfortable possession from the Australian 25. Monaghan's line kicking was effortlessly and beautifully done. L'Estrange, perhaps too preoccupied with coming inside, effected one late break that failed, when Monaghan came outside him from the oposite wing, for lack of room.

SCOTLAND: B. H. Hay (Boroughmuir); A. R. Irvine (Heriot's F.P.), J. M. Renwick (Hawick), L. R. McGeechan (Headingley), L. G. Dick (Jordanhill); C. M. Telfer (Hawick), D. W. Morgan (Stewart's-Melville F.P.); J. McLauchlan (Jordanhill, captain), C. D. Fisher (Waterloo), A. B. Carmichael (West of Scotland), A. F. McHarg (London Scottish), G. L. Brown (West of Scotland), W. Lauder (Neath), G. Y. Mackie (Highland), D. G. Leslie (West of Scotland).

AUSTRALIA: P. E. McLean; P. G. Batch, R. D. L'Estrange, J. Berne (sub, L. Weatherstone), L. E. Monaghan; J. C. Hindmarsh, J. N. B. Hipwell (captain); J. E. C. Meadows, P. A. Horton, R. Graham, G. Fay, R. A. Smith, G. Cornelsen, D. W. Hillhouse, A. A. Shaw.

Referee: R. F. Johnson (England).

Making progress painfully at Rodney Parade

By Alan Gibson

Newport 25 Bristol 10

This was the first official, 15-a-side game ever to be played at Rodney Parade on a Sunday, and ended in a nasty punch up. Well, there you are, that is progress, and no doubt the better the day the better the deed. There was certainly a large congregation, all children of God and all contributing to the funds.

Newport won by a goal, four tries and a penalty goal, to a goal and a try. They had the wind in the first half, not that it amounted to much and led 13—0 at half time. Bristol were gaining little possession. When the ball did reach Harding, his forwards were usually going backwards, and he had little chance to set his three-quarters away—*for which he was criticized*, I thought unjustly, by some Bristol supporters. All Bristol could contribute in this half was some stout tackling and fast covering. Yet they could not prevent Morgan kicking a penalty goal (he missed three others) and Martin scoring two tries. The second, when he was within a stride of the right-hand touchline, jinkel in and side-stepped the last defender, was one to remember; and provided an easy conversion for Morgan.

A quarter of an hour into the second half, Newport scored again. Evans, a back-row forward, made a break from loose play near the 25. I suppose Newport then relaxed a little, subconsciously, or Bristol were suddenly alarmed by the possibility of a shaming defeat (these sides first met in 1889, and their contests have usually been close, at least since 1899, when Bristol, the younger club, first won). Anyway, Bristol began to get more of the ball, and twice in five minutes scored capital tries on the left. Carter got the first, and Tyler came up from full back to make the additional man for the second, which Sorrell converted.

But that was the end of Bristol's flash of hope. Newport pulled themselves together, resumed governance of the ball, and scored two more tries, through Waters and Brown. If Morgan had been kicking just a little better, they would have had much more to spare. It had been an increasingly niggling second half, though it only became outrageously rough in the battle near the end.

NEWPORT: G. Fuller; J. Martin, D. Burcher, N. Brown, G. Evans; C. Jenkins, A. Evans; C. Smart, P. Williams, R. Morgan, J. Watkins, D. Waters, G. Evans, J. Squire, P. Watts.

BRISTOL: D. Tyler; K. Plummer, D. Williams, N. Hunt, R. Carter; D. Sorrell, R. Harding; M. Fry, K. Phelps, A. Sheppard, R. Snead, N. Williams, M. Rafter, S. Davies, F. Park.

Referee: M. Joseph (Swansea).

International match

Scotland	10	Australia	3

Trial match

England	10	N and Midlands	18

B international match

Ireland B	9	France B	6

County championship

Cumbria	17	Lancashire	22
Yorkshire	16	Other nats	16

Club matches

Abertillery	12	Bridgend	28
Bath	20	London Scot	6
Bedford	37	Manchester	15
Bingley	0	Lymm	10
Birkenhead Pk	7	Coventry	29
Birmingham	0	S Wales Police	13
Bowdon	6	Old Instonians	11
Bradford	9	Huddersfield	35
Broughton Pk	40	Vale of Lune	14
Bury	13	Keighley	23
Calder Vale	13	Southport	7
Cardiff	23	Swansea	6
Clifton	25	St Lukes Coll	10
Devonport S	15	Redruth	21
Durham U	13	Kendal	9
Edinburgh Acads	3	West of Scot	13
Exeter	13	Torquay Ath	12
Fylde	10	New Brighton	15
Gosforth	12	Hull and E R	6
Harlequins	30	Blackheath	17
London Welsh	13	Aberavon	0
Loughboro Coll	45	Harrogate	3
Macclesfield	13	Warrington	[illegible]
Maesteg	20	Ebbw Vale	4
Morley	3	Sale	29
Mossley	18	Gloucester	[illegible]
Newbridge	10	Cross Keys	15
Northampton	13	Llanelli	15
Northern	10	Wilmslow	13
Nottingham	7	Headingley	19
Nuneaton	11	Metro Police	29
Oxford	5	Lydney	32
Penarth	62	Edwardians	6
Plymouth Alb	13	Penzance and N	3
Pontypridd	13	Neath	13
Preston Grass	0	Orrell	26
Richmond	13	London Irish	24
Rugby	9	Halifax	24
St Helens	0	Esher	23
Saracens	17	Liverpool	12
Streat/Croydon	23	Guy's Hospital	3
Stroud	27	O Whitgiftians	3
Taunton	3	US Portsmouth	3
Tredegar	7	Glamorgan W	9
Trinity Acads	10	Hawick	24
Wakefield	11	Roundhay	7
Wasps	17	Rosslyn Park	21
Waterloo	13	Leicester	7
Weston-s-Mare	6	Penryn	0

Yesterday

Bristol	10	Newport	25

Today's fixtures

FA CUP: First round second replay: Wrexham v Mansfield Town (at Villa Park, 7.30).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE (7.30): Premier division: Chelmsford v Stourbridge (7.30). First division: North: Enderby v Bromsgrove; Tamworth v Kidderminster.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE (7.30): Great Harwood v Northwich Victoria; Runcorn v Goole.

Lampkowski may yet find that England need him

By Gordon Allan

The England rugby trial at Leicester on Saturday night might have been just another club match, as far as quality was concerned. Leicester and Richmond, or Birmingham and Manchester, could have done equally well, probably better, and not only in teamwork either.

The Midlands and North beat England by two goals and two penalty goals (18 points) to a penalty goal, a dropped goal and a try (10), a result that gave much more pleasure to the sceptical crowd than it did to Alec Lewis and his selectors. Their immediate task is to find a team to beat Australia on January 3, and they have two more trials in *which to do it*: at Gloucester next Saturday and Twickenham a week later. Beyond January 3 looms the five nations championship. But as things stand in English rugby, one problem at a time is quite enough.

The Midlands were by far the livelier team. In the tight, even though Cotton had White straining to keep his nose out of the mud, Wheeler took the only two heels that went against the head, and one of them preceded a try. Darnell was a source of frequent if not always tidy possession at the lineouts. Ayre was a *productive* wrestler at the mauls. Robinson and Adey never stopped in the loose. *For* all-round excellence, in fact, Adey was the best forward on the field.

At scrum-half Lampkowski showed himself to be quicker and more enterprising than Smith. His passes were not so long, but they were accurate enough, at any rate until the last quarter, when England belatedly put him under pressure. Lampkowski may not play for England this season. But, the turnover at half back being what it is, he must fancy his chances of doing so eventually. Cooper gained ground in comparison with Bennett at stand-off half, French and Corless tackled with the utmost finality in the centre, and Hare looked a more polished full back than Hignell. Duckham did not have a *single* chance in attack—but as an item of news that now comes into the dog bites man category.

There was no flair in the England side. Not until near the end did they venture on a short lineout or a tapped penalty. The few moves they did attempt were laboured. There were glimpses, but no more, of Maxwell's determination (if only his speed were as great) and Squires's competitiveness. Wyatt, too, reemphasized his unusual qualities when he came on after 15 minutes for Morley, who injured a leg. *In the pack* Pullin did not have one of his best days, and only Horton and Beaumont, at the lineouts, and Uttley, in the loose, were out of the common run.

The Midlands led 12—6 at half time. Bennett gave England the lead with a 45-yard penalty, but in the *next 15 minutes* two men who had not originally been chosen, Robinson and Knee, scored tries for the Midlands and Hare kicked both conversions. Corless forced a lineout *in* the corner with a *long* kick and Robinson, instead of an England *forward*, collected *Pullin's* throw in. Knee scored in the other corner when Wheeler heeled against the head and Lampkowski, exploiting the blind side, threw him an overhead pass. Just before half time Bennett dropped a goal from a lineout.

In the second half Hare kicked two penalties, one of them from 50 yards, and hit a post with another before Keyworth scored England's try. Squires made the running for it, breaking through Duckham's tackle on the way.

ENGLAND: A. J. Hignell (Cambridge U); P. J. Squires (Harrogate), P. S. Preece (Coventry), A. Maxwell (Headingley), A. J. Morley (Bristol) (sub, D. M. Wyatt, Bedford); W. N. Bennett (Bedford), S. J. Smith (Sale); B. G. Nelmes (Cardiff), J. V. Pullin (Bristol), F. E. Cotton (Sale), W. Beaumont (Fylde), N. E. Horton (Moseley), M. Keyworth (Swansea), R. M. Uttley (Gosforth), A. Neary (Broughton Park, captain).

MIDLANDS AND NORTH: W. H. Hare (Nottingham); P. Knee (Coventry), B. J. Corless (Coventry), N. French (Wasps), D. J. Duckham (Coventry); M. J. Cooper (Moseley), M. Lampkowski (Headingley); C. White (Gosforth), P. J. Wheeler (Leicester, captain), W. Dickinson (Richmond), I. R. Darnell (Coventry), B. Ayre (Moseley), D. Robinson (Gosforth), G. J. Adey (Leicester), G. Phillips (Northampton).

Referee: D. Jones (Notts, Lincs &

Referee commits himself to drastic action

From an Irish Rugby Correspondent
Dublin, Dec 7

To say that the referee, Alan Welsby, was the central figure in the first B international rugby *match* played in Ireland at Lansdowne Road yesterday is an understatement. No player had ever been sent off the field on an international occasion in *Ireland*, but Mr Welsby *invoked* the ultimate penalty on no fewer than four, two from each side.

So bizarre were the *incidents* on the field in sight of about 10,000 spectators, that they almost obscured the fact that Ireland's first appearance at this level ended in a victory by three penalty goals (9 pts) to two penalty goals (6), a result which had seemed highly improbable after the French had beaten Wales a fortnight ago.

The affair was thoroughly unsatisfactory in every respect. A few minutes after the start there was a flurry of fists in a set scrum, whereupon the referee called the two captains, Canniffe and Petrissans, aside and after a lecture informed them, as he stated later, that he would send off any player he saw delivering a punch. By doing so he committed himself to a course of action which he was compelled to implement. It might have been more astute to have asked the captains to tell their forwards to cool it down.

The match was not as vicious and undisciplined as the referee's actions implied: but in the 30th minute, he sent a French prop forward, Forestier, to the sideline. In the 12th minute of the second half an Irish lock, Dalton, had to make a gloomy journey from the far side of the pitch, and in the 25th minute of the half an Irish prop forward, Byrne, and the French hooker, Salettes, completed the sad tale by joining the other two in the pavilion. Apart from all that, Mr Welsby was so rigid in his interpretation of the laws that there was an almost endless flow of penalties and had the marksmanship been anything less than lamentable, the score could have been 10 penalty goals to each side.

Finn, for Ireland, missed [illegible] out of seven shots and Condon was astray with one rather dismal effort. For France, Sarrel, who had six misses, twice hit an upright, and Reyes did the same once. The majority of the kicks were from ranges of between [illegible] and 35 yards in front of, or just to either side of, the posts, on a *firm* pitch, with hardly a whisper of breeze as a disturbing factor.

Although well served by the halves of whom the London Irishman Condon, made an *impressive* first appearance, the Irish three-quarters had neither the pace nor the imagination to overcome keen tackling and the French backs with limited opportunities, looked more dangerous. Their forwards, however, seemed bemused at the loss of Forestier, who was rated as the leading member of the pack. A penalty against Canniffe, for a crooked feed into a scrum, gave France the lead in the third minute, Sarrel converting from point blank range. Seven minutes later Finn put Ireland level and [illegible] minutes after the interval Reyes tapped over a 20-yard penalty [illegible] regain the lead for the visitors.

Finally, Canniffe, although not a recognized marksman, decided to take over the task from the unhappy Finn and with accurately struck kicks from 25 and 35 yards in front of the posts, brought the ship to harbour after the stormy passage.

IRELAND B: [illegible]

FRANCE B: [illegible]

Referee: A. Welsby [illegible]

The Irish Rugby Union and the French Rugby Federation will announce tomorrow any disciplinary action they intend to take over the dismissals of the four players sent off at Lansdowne Road.

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Nastase again wearing his crown

m Rex Bellamy
nis Correspondent
holm, Dec 7

e Nastase, disqualified om first match in the all-play-all s which preceded the ani- round, celebrated his ard ding anniversary by wining Masters tennis tournament, sored by Commercial Lina. today. This duplicate his ievement of two years ago, he lost to Tom Gorman first out, but went on to w. the oa Masters.

st Sunday Arthur Ashe vilked when he had two break pints 5—1 lead in the decidi set is match with Nastase who subsequently disqualifie. But Romanian beat Manuel Iran and Adriano Panatta, pearl qualifying for the last four, this weekend played business is since 1973 to crush Guil- no Vilas and Bjorn Brg in —both in straight sets. Vilas swept aside by 6—0, 6—3, yesterday, Borg by 6—2 6—2, this afternoon.

stase's £20,000 first pri: may a less to him that the storu- of his confidence an self- ect. He was king of th game 973 but since then, is too n beck its clowu price, a bedevilled by contrtersies h suggested he no longe had emotional fortitude towin a big event. That provisional verdict must be reconsidered now that he has won the Masters for the fourth time in five years (Vilas beat him in last year's final). Nastase was aware, too, that this might be his last shot at the Masters. His commitment to the American inter-city league means that he must miss a lot of grand prix events next year and will have difficulty in qualifying for its climax.

We knew that, at the age of 29, Nastase was still a great athlete with astonishing reflexes and an artistic, inventive flair for the game. What we did not know was that his competitive resilience, his ability to concentrate from start to finish of a match, would burst into flower again like a December rose, as it has done these past few days. He told us he had never "concentrated so much" in his life and was sensitive to the clicking of cameras (he was often cross with their users) and the slightest noise or movement in the crowd. "I want to keep like this if it's possible. I don't know how long it will be."

The game's broader image should benefit from the fact that a player of Nastase's adventurously classic style has given hidings to Vilas and Borg, the leading exponents of the unortnodox new school specializing in top-spun ground strokes. Borg has a normal pulse rate of only 35 and is such a cool competitor that Swedes reckon he has ice in his stomach. He is also remarkably fast, usually serves well, and in Ashe's opinion has the best forehand in the game. But today he did not serve well. He also missed a lot of bread-and-butter shots. He has yet to win a big tournament in his native Stockholm.

Something within Borg may have died a little in the seventh game. Nastase was serving at —2 but the Swede had a break point. Nastase pranced to the net. Three times Borg tried to blast a passing shot beyond the Romanian's reach and reflexes. Each time Nastase somehow managed to make a superb volley look facile. The last of them finished the rally—and as an ovation swelled around him, Nastase stood erect at the net, *puffing out his chest and glaring imperiously at the drooping Borg as if to say: "Me, Tarzan"*. That was Borg's only break point in the entire match. Nastase's serving was consistently deep and powerful.

Borg probably reached his peak against Ashe *yesterday*. On the slow, carpeted court (Borg said it was almost like clay) Ashe mixed his game intelligently, using chips and slow-balling as variants of the naked power that is more natural to him. But he could not do it quite well enough. His service was not at its best and he missed many approach shots. Borg bamboozled him with a mint of counter-punches. The Swede seemed to get faster and faster. Eventually he was hitting passing shots from all over the place.

All this provided an exciting finish to a tournament that produced too much attritional tennis (the qualifiers had to prove themselves on clay in order to get here) and too many reminders that the 1975 grand prix spanned 42 tournaments in 50 weeks. Add that programme to indoor circuits, Davis Cup ties and a variety of other commitments, and it can hardly be surprising that the players often looked jaded. The doubles, a welcome innovation, was disappointing because too many leading pairs were missing and the quality of play was modest. But it has been a good Masters for all that—not least because of the slick organization, the unfailing kindness of the Swedes and, above all, the flamboyant splendour of a December rose called Nastase.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND: B. Borg (Sweden) beat A. Ashe (US), 6—1, 6—[illegible], 6—[illegible], 6—3; I. Nastase (Romania) beat G. Vilas (Argentina), 6—0, 6—3, 6—4.

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acey held off by the referee in the sixth round and (right) celebrating in Mexican style at a party after the contest with English girl friend, Michelle Morris.

apoles takes a battering s Stracey wins title

exico City, Dec 7.—John cey, of Great Britain, cap- d the world welterweight box- title at his first attempt here night when he beat Jose oles, of Mexico, in six rounds. durable European champion Bethnal Green, London, sur- d a poor start and went on to roy systematically the tough wily Napoles by sheer stamina a dangerous left jab.

hen the referee topped the est in the last minute of the round the veteran Mexican, had held the title for more four years, had become a hing bag for his 25-year-old enger. Napoles, whose age given by promoters as 28, but is anything between 35 and 39 rding to offical records, ed a dazed and battered figure stumbled out of the ring and ed to speak to reporters.

jubilant Stracey declared: "I always respected Napoles. He been the best pound for pound ter in the world, but now I him. I knew I had it before fight started because I felt so ng. He could have knocked down in every round, but I ld have won it anyway use I was too strong for him too sharp.

He was a great champion. oles took punches that were of this world. Anyone else d have fallen much sooner. Mantequilla has been a great npion". (Mantequilla, Napo- nickname is Spanish for tter", a reference to his oth boxing style).

poles later said: "The boy very well prepared and hit well". Was he going to re-? "In no way. First, I'm g to rest. I'm not retiring."

racey said he was leaving it his manager, Terry Lawless, the London matchmaker ey Huff, to arrange an onent for the first defence of World Boxing Council title, h Napoles had held since , 1971.

He did not want to offer a re-match. "As far as I am concerned I would rather not, because I respect Napoles too much. I hope Napoles retires as one of the greatest champions of all time." Stracey was leaving today for Los Angeles, *provoking local speculation* that his first bout may be against the California-based Armando Muniz, who narrowly failed to beat Napoles in two bouts earlier this year. They will also stop off in New York on their way back to London.

The promoter of the bout, Jaime de Haro, of Mexico, said: "Napoles's eyebrows are in terrible condition and he should not go on boxing. He should retire." Elias Cordova, president of the World Boxing Association, who watched the contest, came to the same conclusion. It became evident that Napoles did not have the stamina to stay on top of such a fit and aggressive opponent. He was literally boxed to a standstill.

Stracey said he planned to celebrate with a spaghetti dinner with his girl friend, Michele Morris, and the score of managers and friends who came out to cheer him to victory. For the most part the 30,000-strong crowd received Stracey's victory in stunned silence—in marked contrast to the wild cheering which had greeted Napoles's almost total domination of the contest in the first two rounds.

Napoles had looked a sure winner in the first round, when he broke through Stracey's defence *again and again to put him down* for a count of eight. But gradually he began to slow down. Stracey's powerful left hand closed the champion's left eye, weakened from 17 years in the ring since he first turned professional in his *native Havana before the communist revolution there*. By the sixth he had run out of steam while the British boxer seemed to have shrugged off his earlier punishment.—Reuter.

A champion who has got London in his hands

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent

The dramatic victory of John Stracey over Jose Napoles in the world welterweight championship in Mexico City could give British *professional boxing the boost* which it has needed badly this winter. Stracey is a Londoner who can guarantee to bring back many of the spectators who have been noticeably missing from recent promotions at the Albert Hall and the Empire Pool, Wembley. He could also do much to fill the gap caused by the inaction, for various reasons, of the light-heavyweight, John Conteh, Britain's other claimant to a world title as recognized by the World Boxing Council.

Unlike Scotland's Ken Buchanan who, like Stracey, flew across the Atlantic to upset the odds in 1970 by winning the world lightweight title, our new champion has been a good seller of tickets in London in the past and seems certain to set the turnstiles clicking again. Of course, Stracey may also aim at lucrative bouts overseas—including, perhaps, one with Armando Muniz in Los Angeles, where the British conqueror of the legendary Napoles could be a big draw before the thousands of Mexican-Americans living there.

I did not expect Stracey to win even though I was aware that Napoles, a Cuban who had become a Mexican citizen, was at least 35 and may well be four years older than that, according to some Mexican reporters. The reason for lacking confidence in Stracey was that he had been unimpressive in recent bouts in this country and there was the handicap that, in Mexico City, he would be boxing at high altitude before what is usually an extremely biased and sometimes violent audience.

Of course, Napoles had recently been susceptible to eye injuries and that was something Stracey never forgot even after he had been knocked down by a left hook in the first round. Stracey said before the championship that the one thing he would not do in the ring was "to swallow it"—a Cockney euphemism for demonstrating extreme cowardice. He kept his word with one of the *most remarkable exhibitions of* courage and determination demonstrated by a British boxer overseas since Ted Kid Lewis, another Londoner, won this same world 10st 7lb title from an American, Jack Britton, in Boston 60 years ago.

The key to Stracey's victory may well have been a night in Paris in 1974 when he went in as the underdog against Roger Menetrey, of France, but still won the European title. The young man from Bethnal Green showed then that, for all *his apparent tension* in less important contests, he can rise to the big occasion and channel his apprehension *into* well-sustained explosive attacks. How satisfying it must have been for him to triumph in the same city in which, back in 1968, I saw him eliminated in his first Olympic contest, albeit by the eventual gold medal winner.

Stracey will be the first to admit that he owes a good deal to his manager, Terry Lawless, for steering him towards the match with Napoles in *spite* of many discouragements, including an appendix operation which cancelled one vital bout. Stracey's admirable attitude in Mexico was summed up by his pithy comment when he arrived there.

"I don't expect anyone to tip me", he said. "Why should they? But I believe I'll win. This may be the only chance I'll ever get of winning a world title. I'm going to fight my guts out. The only way I'll lose is if I'm stretched out cool, or robbed". With this gritty philosophy he becomes only the third British boxer, apart from Lewis and Buchanan, to win a world title overseas and the first to do so inside the distance.

hletics

anadian aged 3 emerges as arathon hope

ukuoka, Dec 8.—Jerome Dray- , aged 38, of Canada, a clerk the organizing committee for 1976 Montreal Olympics, emer- as a strong challenger for a l medal at the Games when won the Fukuoka marathon the second time today. Dray- , the winner here in 1969, ered the traditional distance of miles 385 yards in 2hr 10min sec. Only Australia's Derek yton, Great Britain's Ian mpson and Ron Hill, and the ted States's Wil Rodgers have faster marathons.

odgers, winner of the Boston athon last April in 2hr 9min ec, was third today, behind tralia's David Chettle, a 24- r-old Tasmanian carpenter, who shed only a few yards behind yton in 2hr 10min 20sec. lgers finished in 2hr 11min 26.4 : Italy's Giuseppe Cindolo was rth in 2hr 11min 45sec: East many's Eckhard Lesse, second e last year, came fifth in 2hr min 42.6sec: and Japan's hashi So was sixth in 2hr 12min ec.

Drayton and Rodgers were ong the early leaders at the ad of the field of 10 including foreign runners, but after the -mile mark Rodgers dropped om the front line.

RESULTS: First 10: 1, J. Drayton (Canada), 2hr 10min [illegible]; 2, D. [illegible] [illegible] (Australia), 2:10:20; 3, [illegible] Rodgers (US), 2:11:26.4; 4, G. Cindolo [illegible]; 5, E. Lesse (East Germany), [illegible]; 6, T. So [illegible]; 7, [illegible] Bruce [illegible]; 8, [illegible] [illegible]; 9, J. [illegible] (East Germany), [illegible]; 10, [illegible] Hamada (Japan), 2:15:47.—Agencies.

Skiing

Canada come through as favourites go down

Val d'Isere, Dec 7.—Kenneth Read, of Canada, won the men's downhill at the Criterium de la Premiere Neige here today as four of the favourites fell. The downhill, which has a reputation for producing surprises, was a complete triumph for Canada. It was their first win in a men's world cup event and a further three Canadians were placed in the top 10.

Among the men to fall was the Austrian, Klammer, who won eight of last year's nine downhills. He crashed off the track only 200 metres from the end of the 3.295-metre run after hitting a hole hidden in shadow. Switzerland's Berthod, another of the favourites, fell at the same point. "We were blinded by the sudden passage from bright sun to shadow and just did not see the hole", Klammer said.

Read, who was 20 last month, said he had not expected to do better than third or fourth. "I *knew I was going well, but I still* expected to be beaten by Klammer and Bernard Russi." The other Canadians in the top 10 were Irwin, fourth, Prater, ninth, and Podborski, 10th.

The Calgary skier, who was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in the United States, went off first and got the best of a sparsely covered [illegible] which swiftly cut up and became very uneven. "I had a super run. I had a hairy moment when I went round the compression on one ski, but I was always in control", he said.

The "compression", where the skiers leap off a bump into a difficult left-hand bend through pine woods, provided a few more spectacular scenes from skiers going into it too fast and caused an Italian, Erwin Stricker, to fall heavily.

Colombin, who fractured two vertebrae yesterday in a fall identical to the one which put him out all last season was due to be flown to a paraplegic clinic in Basle. "I am finished with *competition*", *he said. Vesti, who* dislocated a shoulder, left hospital today.

All the French skiers withdrew from today's race as a sign of respect for the 19-year-old Michel Dujon, France's most promising skier, who died yesterday after fracturing his skull in a fall at nearby Tignes on Friday where he was making waxing tests.

LEADING PLACINGS: 1, K. Read (Canada) 2min 04.67sec; 2, H. Plank (Italy), 2:05.65; 3, B. Russi (Switzerland), 2:05.[illegible]; 4, D. Irwin (Canada), 2:05.[illegible]; 5, W. Grissmann (Austria), 2:06.25; 48, A. Stewart, 2:11.75.

COMBINED: 1, G. Thoeni (Italy), 25.20pts; 2, J. Hunter (Canada), 27.[illegible]pts; 3, D. Irwin (Canada), [illegible]; 4, S. Podborski (Canada), [illegible]; 5, P. Luscher (Switzerland), 45.[illegible]pts; 6, G. Jones (US), 44.97pts; 7, [illegible] Murray (Canada), 48.32pts; 8, F. Fernandez Ochoa (Spain), [illegible]pts; 9, M. Berthod (Switzerland), [illegible]pts; 10, [illegible] Horat (Switzerland), 60.15pts.

STANDINGS to date: 1, Thoeni and Read, 25pts; 3, I. Stenmark (Sweden), Plank, [illegible]; 5, Russi and P. Gros (Italy), 15pts; 7, Irwin, and T. Hauser (Austria), 10pts; [illegible], Grissmann and [illegible] Good (Switzerland), 8 pts; 11, Roux and P. Mahre (US), 6pts; 13, Veith and F. Bieler (Italy), 4pts; 15, Corbin and W. Junginger (W G), 3pts; 17, Hunter and H. Plattner (Austria), 2pts; 19, Podborski and N. Suchor (Czechoslovakia), 1pt.—Reuter.

Cross-country

Black leaves Viren and others trailing

Paris, Dec 7.—David Black, of Britain, raced away from the opposition to win the Pelerin international cross-country event in the suburb of Vanves today. The early pace was set by Finland's double Olympic champion, Lasse Viren, running in his first big cross-country race.

He took the field through the first two kilometres (1.2 miles in 5:40.00, but then dropped back to sixth place when Van Mullen increased the pressure. Black, Tagg and another Belgian, Andre de Hertoghe, went with Van Mullen, opening up a gap on Viren and the rest of the field.

The decisive attack came after about three and a half miles when Black sprinted away. Only Tagg could stay anywhere near him, but he faded towards the end to finish 14 seconds behind. Viren snatched fifth place behind Van Mullen and de Hertoghe in a sprint finish with Frenchman, Bouster.

RESULTS: 1, D. Black (GB) 23min [illegible]; 2, M. Tagg (GB), 23:[illegible]; 3, E. Van Mullen (Belgium), 23:[illegible]; 4, A. de Hertoghe (Belgium), 23.58; 5, L. Viren (Finland), 24:00.—Reuter.

KINGSTON VALE: Oxford University beat Cambridge University, 27-[illegible]. 1, W. Evans (Oxford), 26min 11sec; 2, A. Nicholls (Oxford), 25:58; 3, P. Irvine (Oxford), 25:26.

Next year's AAA and Olympic trial marathon will be held at Rotherham on May 8. It will be the first time the championship event has been held in Yorkshire. Four other venues were considered but Rotherham came nearest *to the conditions on the Canadian* Olympic run.

Cricket

West Indies hit out with three centuries

Perth, Dec 7.—The West Indian cricketers prepared for the second Test match with a spectacular *display of batting on the second* day of their match against Western Australia here today.

Centuries by Fredericks, Lloyd and Richards propelled the touring team to 479 runs in 350 minutes, a first innings lead of 188. By the close Western Australia's opening batsmen, Laird and Edwards, had survived the final 18 minutes, making 10 without loss.

Fredericks, the opening batsman, started the West Indian assault, scoring 108 in 168 minutes. Lloyd and Richards then took over, *scoring 105 and 175, respectively*, in innings of total aggression.

Lloyd, the West Indian captain, returned to top form after his failure in the first Test with an awe-inspiring display. He treated all the bowlers with contempt as he raced to the fastest century of the season. Thrashing the ball to all parts of the ground with supreme confidence, Lloyd reached his 100 in 78 minutes.

He was out a minute later for 105—brilliantly caught at slip by Edwards. His memorable innings included 12 fours and three sixes. He faced only 76 balls.

After Lloyd and Richards had added 169 in 79 minutes for the sixth wicket, Richards kept up the hammering on his own. He struck six colossal sixes, including three off successive balls in the 17th over off leg spin bowler, Paulsen.

Richards put on 102 for the seventh wicket in 40 minutes with David Murray, who scored 14. After scoring 175 in 185 minutes Richards was caught on the long on boundary by Paulsen off the bowling of the leg spinner, *Edwards. He scored his last 75* runs in only 29 minutes.

Apart from Fredericks, Lloyd and Richards, none of the other West Indian batsmen exceeded 20. Paulsen was the bowler who suffered most, conceding 153 runs off 19 overs.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: First Innings

B. Laird, c Julien, b Boyce	0
W. Edwards, c D. A. Murray, b Boyce	5
R. Charlesworth, c D. A. Murray, b Julien	12
K. Hughes, c Richards, b Boyce	0
R. Langer, b Padmore	96
R. Marsh, c D. A. Murray, b Holder	5
I. Brayshaw, not out	105
M. Malone, b Boyce	0
R. Paulsen, c Lloyd, b Boyce	0
S. Jones, c Greenidge, b Holder	36
T. Alderman, not out	10
Extras (lb 8, nb 15)	13
Total (9 wkts dec)	291

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—1, 2—13, 3—15, 4—77, 5—93, 6—154, 7—165, 8—179, 9—219.

BOWLING: Boyce, 18—3—72—5; Julien, 12.4—2—41—1; Holder, 13—3—59—2; Padmore, 14—1—61—1.

Second Innings

W. Edwards, not out	5
B. Laird, not out	3
Extras (nb 2)	2
Total (no wkt)	10

WEST INDIANS: First Innings

R. C. Fredericks, b Paulsen	108
C. G. Greenidge, c Edwards, b Malone	5
A. Padmore, c Marsh, b Jones	20
L. A. Baichan, c Brayshaw, b Alderman	10
A. I. Kallicharran, c Marsh, b Alderman	8
V. A. Richards, c Paulsen, b Edwards	175
C. H. Lloyd, c Edwards, b Brayshaw	105
D. A. Murray, c Edwards, b Alderman	14
B. D. Julien, b Malone	5
K. D. Boyce, not out	3
V. A. Holder, b Malone	5
Extras (lb 11, nb 2, w 1)	14
Total	479

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—14, 2—59, 3—94, 4—102, 5—167, 6—351, 7—453, 8—453, 9—471, 10—479.

BOWLING: Jones, 11—2—38—1; Malone, 17.7—[illegible]—54—3; Alderman, 10—1—66—3; Paulsen, 19—1—153—1; Laird, 5—[illegible]—[illegible]—0; Brayshaw, 5—0—34—1; Edwards, 4—0—25—1.

MELBOURNE: Sheffield Shield: South Australia 279 for 5 dec and 177 (G. Cosier 42; M. Walker 4 for 26). Victoria 275 for 7 dec and 17 for 2.

SYDNEY: Sheffield Shield: Queensland, 351 and 10—0; New South Wales, 250—9 (L. Richardson 57 [illegible] P. Toohey 76, J. Thomson 5—85).

WELLINGTON: Double wicket competition: Semi-final round: J. Edwards and L. Cairns beat J. Snow and B. Richards. Final: Edwards and Cairns beat G. Turner and B. McKechnie.

BANGALORE: Sri Lanka 342 and 164 for 3 dec (E. Wettimuny 53, D. Mendis 54); Indian Universities 250 for 7 dec and 227 for 2 (D. Vengsarkar 102 not out, H. Gidwani 40). Match drawn.

Invitation to three

David Mason (Jesus), the Oxford captain, in the process of picking his team for the university golf match against Cambridge, has invited T. M. Powell (Jesus), the secretary, D. R. Tate (Jesus) and J. P. D. Piper (Keble) to play at Woodhall Spa on March 19 and 20.

Golf

Miller emulates his achievement in Marbella by winning both titles

Bangkok, Dec 7.—The United States shrugged off searing tropical heat to run away with the 23rd World Cup golf tournament today for their 13th victory in the annual series. John Miller and Lou Graham, with only a two-stroke lead from Taiwan and Australia overnight, surged away on the final day to win by 10 strokes with a total of 554.

Taiwan failed to make their expected charge on the last day and finished second with 564. But Japan, in sixth place overnight, came through to finish third on 565, beating Australia, who never recovered from a disastrous start.

Miller also took the individual trophy by two strokes with 275, 13 under par for 72 holes. Ben Arda, of the Philippines, Bob Shearer, of Australia, and Hsieh Min-Nan, of Taiwan, were joint second in the individual standings on 277. Miller thus emulated his achievement at Marbella in 1973—his only other World Cup appearance—when he took the team title with Jack Nicklaus and also the individual prize.

As Miller left the 18th green he stooped to kiss his tiny Thai girl caddie and then gave her one of his golf clubs as a memento. "I am delighted at winning the World Cup", he said. "I came here to win the World Cup but the individual trophy is an extra bonus."

Miller and Graham each received a replica of the Cup and $1,000 (about £490) in prize money. Miller was a late replacement in the American team for Nicklaus, who withdrew over fears for his safety. He and Graham established a four-stroke lead on the first day, but teed off today only one stroke ahead of Taiwan.

Birdies in the outward half increased their lead and Miller finished with a 68, four under par. Graham had a final round of 70. Hsieh Min-Nan and Kuo Chie-Hsiong, of Taiwan, could not make any impact on the Americans, returning 73 and 74 respectively.

Japan, lying 12 strokes behind the Americans overnight, ploughed their way through the field to take third place, a stroke behind the Taiwanese on 565. Tumashi Murakami scored a 69 and Kosaku Shimada a 68.

The unhappiest team of the day were the Australians, who, after moving up to third place overnight two shots behind the leaders, saw their challenge collapse after the first three holes when Ian Stanley dropped five shots with two double bogeys. They never recovered, despite a gallant attempt by Shearer, who came in with a 69 for joint second place in the individual standings.

Argentina made a strong early challenge after Jorge Soto reeled off four consecutive birdies in the first four holes and appeared to be on the way to a record score, but he could not sustain his effort and finished with a 73, while Juan Carrera lost his touch of the first three days and took 76 to put them in fifth place.

Final scores in Bangkok

554: US (J. Miller, 66, 71, 70, 68; L. Graham, 67, 71, 70, 70).
564: Taiwan (Hsieh Min-Nan, [illegible], 68, 68, 73; Kuo Chie-Hsiung, 72, 68, 73, 74).
565: Japan (T. Murakami, 70, 69, 72, 69; K. Shimada, 74, 71, 72, 68).
566: Australia (B. Shearer, 71, 68, 68, 70; I. Stanley, 70, 68, 72, 72).
571: Argentina (J. Cabrera, 67, 70, 71, 76; J. Soto, 71, 73, 70, 73).
573: Philippines (E. Arda, 67, [illegible], [illegible], 73; E. Nival, 75, 71, 78, 70).
574: Thailand (S. Onsham, 69, 75, 67, 72; A. Thappavibul, 75, 74, 75, 71).
577: Brazil (A. Evangelista, 77, 73, 67, 74; L. O. Pinto, 71, 71, 70, 75).
578: South Korea (Cho Tae-Woon, 71, 72, 73, 75; Park Jung-Ung, 72, 71, 73, 67).
579: England (M. Bembridge, 73, 75, 73, 69; G. Hunt, 75, 76, 71, 75).
580: Scotland (B. Barnes, 77, 74, 74, 71; N. Wood, 72, 71, 74, 70).
[illegible] (E. Acosta, 71, 71, 68, 74; N. Nathien, 80, 71, 75, 72).
586: Chile (F. Cerda, 73, 75, 75, 75; N. Morales, 74, 70, 73, 71).
587: NZ (W. Godfrey, 73, 75, [illegible], [illegible]; H. Kennedy, 75, 80, 70, 75); Ireland (C. O'Connor snr, 72, 75, 75, 76; C. O'Connor jnr, 71, 71, 71, 75); SA (T. Britz, 72, 73, 71, 75; J. Bland, 73, 73, 71, 77).
595: France (J. Garaialde, 72, 73, 73, 75; B. Pascassio, 75, 72, 7[illegible], 73).
[illegible]: Spain (S. Ballesteros, [illegible], [illegible], 73, 78; A. Gallardo, 79, 75, 70, 71).
[illegible]: Austria.
[illegible]: Greece.
[illegible]: Burma.
[illegible]: Denmark.
[illegible]: Singapore.
[illegible]: Italy.
[illegible]: Egypt, Colombia, Puerto Rico.
631: Pakistan.
[illegible]: Wales (C. Defoy, 77, 71, 73, [illegible]; [illegible], 73, 76, 79, 75).
[illegible]
604: Indonesia.
[illegible]
[illegible]: W. Germany.
[illegible]
[illegible]: Belgium.
[illegible]: Sri Lanka.
[illegible]: Jamaica.
[illegible]: Switzerland.
[illegible]: Morocco, Hongkong.
[illegible]: Nigeria.
[illegible]: Portugal.
[illegible]: Libya.
[illegible]: Nepal.
[illegible]: Yugoslavia.
Venezuela and the Netherlands withdrew after three rounds.

Individual

275: J. Miller (US), 66, 71, 70, 68.
277: B. Arda (Philippines), 67, 68, [illegible], 73; Hsieh Min-Nan (Taiwan), 68, 68, 68, 73; B. Shearer (Australia), 74, 68, 66, 69.
27[illegible]: L. Graham (US), 68, 71, 70, 70.
2[illegible]: T. Murakami (Japan), 70, 69, 72, [illegible].
2[illegible]: Mya Aye (Burma), 72, 71, 6[illegible], 70.
2[illegible]: S. Onsham (Thailand), 69, 75, 67, 72; Park Jung-Ung (South Korea), 72, 71, 73, 67.
2[illegible]: J. Cabrera (Argentina), 67, 70, 71, 75; M. Bembridge (England), 73, 75, 69, [illegible]; L. Acosta (Mexico), 71, 71, 68, 74.
2[illegible]: W. Godfrey (NZ), 73, 75, [illegible], [illegible]; L. Pinto (Brazil), 71, 71, 70, 75; K. Shimada (Japan), 74, 71, 72, 68.
2[illegible]: J. Rodriguez (Puerto Rico), 69, 70, 72, 73.
2[illegible]: Kuo Chie-Hsiung (Taiwan), 72, [illegible], 73, 74; J. Soto (Argentina), 71, 73, 70, 73.
2[illegible]: N. Morales (Chile), 71, 70, 73, 71.

Card of the course

Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par
1	423	4	10	424	[illegible]
2	200	3	11	350	4
3	379	4	12	533	3
4	578	5	13	132	3
5	337	4	14	347	4
6	412	4	15	437	4
7	381	4	16	213	3
8	159	5	17	373	4
9	539	5	18	[illegible]	5
Out	3,463	38	In	3,443	3[illegible]

Hockey

Middlesex gain a title but lose authority

By Sydney Friskin

Sussex 1 Middlesex 3

Middlesex had to summon all their experience and skill to beat Sussex, after being a goal down, in the Southern final of the county hockey championship, sponsored by Benson & Hedges, at East Grinstead yesterday. The winners will be away either to Lancashire or Cheshire in the quarter-final round on January 25.

Middlesex won the Southern title for the eighth time, but this was not one of their memorable triumphs. Their defence had a lot of trouble keeping the eager Sussex forwards at bay and although the score indicates a convincing win, it was not obtained with authority. They deserved to win, nonetheless.

With the Middlesex forwards flagging and pressure building up on the half backs, it was left to Thomson to stabilize the three-man back line and initiate most of the attacks in the first half which belonged largely to Sussex.

Edmondson had a fine game as the leader of the Sussex five-man forward line who had matters much their own way in the first 20 minutes. The excellent condition of the pitch enabled them to set up a fast pace and to use their wings well enough to pull the opposing defence out of position.

On one of their early excursions *Sussex forced a long corner from* which Chorley hit the ball into goal but the whistle was blown a split second earlier for an infringement against the attacking side. Pope and Griffith set up numerous Sussex attacks before Middlesex could settle down.

Off their first move of consequence, Middlesex forced a long corner in the 17th minute. During the tussle at the top of the circle, Barnes, the Sussex centre half, received a cut on the forehead from a swinging stick and retired for repairs but he came back bravely after five minutes.

A lively period starting in the 21st minute produced three goals in five minutes. Parsons gave Sussex the lead from a short corner but Thorne responded immediately by converting a similar award. A powerful hit a couple of minutes later by Thorne from another short corner would have found its way home but for the intervention of one of Parsons's feet. The result, inevitably, was a penalty stroke for Middlesex which was neatly converted by Woodbridge. At the other end, a shot by Parsons from another short corner whistled past a post.

So Middlesex went into the second half with a 2—1 lead and the added influence of Corby in the middle—he had replaced Hitchins. Still, Sussex attacked with renewed vigour and a scintillating run by Edmondson gave Griffith a chance on the right which he just failed to seize.

Middlesex, happily reprieved, increased their lead in the 13th minute. Thomson's shot following a free hit from the left was saved by Mitchell but before he could clear Imtiaz dashed in to score. Sussex, persisting with their attacks, earned another short corner but Parsons's shot missed the mark. In the end their own citadel had a narrow escape with Burt saving on the line following a short from Thomson.

SUSSEX: C. Mitchell (Worthing); D. Burt (Hove), A. G. Parsons (Hove [illegible]), [illegible] Wesley), P. Calland [illegible] (Brighton), [illegible] Barnes (Chichester), J. Bates (Lewes), M. G. Griffith (Brighton), M. T. Sanford (Richmond), R. Edmondson (Worthing), M. J. Pope (Lewes), G. Chorley (Worthing).

MIDDLESEX: G. Brighton (Hounslow); J. H. Thorne (Dulwich), H. Sills (Hounslow), I. A. Thomson (Hounslow), M. J. Woodbridge (Hounslow), I. S. Mcalin (Southgate), A. K. Hudson (Southgate), G. H. Hitchins (Southgate) (sub, M. W. Corby, Southgate), J. Walter (Southgate), S. Imtiaz (Blackheath), W. Smith (Hounslow).

Umpires: P. L. Brown and I. S. Brown (Southern Counties).

Hertfordshire won the Eastern final of the county hockey championship beating Lincolnshire by 4—0 at St Albans yesterday. Morgan (2), Ashby and Guyton scored. The winners qualified to meet Nottinghamshire in the quarter-final round.

Rackets

Prenn brings new *twist to Noel* Bruce Cup final

By Our Rackets Correspondent

The Tonbridge pair, Richard Gracey and Martin Smith, after a six years' reign, were dethroned by Harrow in the final of the Noel Bruce Cup rackets competition at Queen's Club yesterday. They were beaten by Charles Hue Williams and John Prenn by 15—8, 18—14, 4—15, 15—4, 15—12 and this was only Harrow's second success since the event began in 1929; Hue Williams winning with Jeremy Greenstock in 1967.

The final, like previous matches, was a *tour de force* for Prenn, the under-24 champion. He was the most controlled player and aggressive striker in court even if his return of service is not yet up to the level of the rest of his game. But the use of the American twist tennis service proved decisive.

Prenn employed it successfully to save the second game in which Tonbridge led 10—3, used it to win the last three points in the fourth game and again to take Harrow from 5—8 to 13—8 in the *fifth*. Strangely, on the next point he did not use the same service for which he had already found a unplayable length and, as Smith admitted later: "I am not often aced but this service beat me round the houses".

In the semi-final round Prenn had had great success with this service against Eton whose pair, Tom Pugh and William Boone, are the amateur champions but were beaten in five games. Boone, in the left court, was totally nonplussed by the spin of the ball which can turn either way and is unpredictable. Smith, at least, did manage to return a few in the final.

There was a good deal of scrambling rackets in the final. Gracey and Smith always use the walls and this often led Harrow into doing the same with the result that lets were fairly frequent and there was a good deal of play off the back wall. The best rallies and straightest hitting came in the third and fourth games which were shared.

The crucial moments came in the second and fifth games. In the second Gracey and Smith had two hands at 11—11 and again at 14—12 when Smith was trying desperately hard to stage one of his rescue efforts. Hue Williams had his best moment of the match at 14—14 in the second game but became nervous at 13—11 in the fifth and it was Prenn who finished it off.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND: Tonbridge (R. [illegible] R. Gracey and M. G. [illegible] Smith) beat Eton II (D. [illegible] and [illegible] J. J. Fabert), 15—10, 16—[illegible], [illegible]—17, 15—5, 5—15, 12—15, 15—[illegible]. Harrow (C. J. Hue Williams and J. S. N. Prenn) beat Eton I (C. T. [illegible] Pugh and W. R. Boone), 15—10, 16—[illegible], 12—15, 15—7, 15—[illegible].

FINAL: Harrow beat Tonbridge, 15—8, 18—14, 4—15, 15—4, 15—12.

Class victory for Morning Cloud

Mr Edward Heath's yacht Morning Cloud finished first overall in Class one in the Lymington Town Sailing Club's Solent circuit series of six heats.

Morning Cloud finished with one first and three seconds. Outright winner of the series was George Stead's three-quarter ton yacht Contention, competing in Class two.

Rowing

Laurel and Hardy's custard pie capers

By Jim Railton

Just occasionally Oxford can be relied upon to provide some slapstick comedy as far as the Boat Race is concerned. Oxford's choice of names for their trial boats on Saturday—Laurel and Hardy—might have stirred some ill-bodings for the 1976 Boat Race but for some exceptional new stars, and a strong supporting cast.

The celluloid world, too, was for once reversed with Hardy, a boatload of freshmen and Isis oarsmen, landing Laurel "in another fine mess"—leaving four Blues sitting in the stern of the boat with the custard pie well and truly delivered after a defeat of almost four lengths, in a time of 18min 19sec.

At least Hardy looked the part when they took the Middlesex station with the only American on board, no less than the freshman Rhodes Scholar and the 1974 world champion in eights, Kenneth Brown, with the almost 16 st Ulsterman, Plunkett, hardly twiddling his thumbs in the five seat. By comparison Laurel might have appeared slightly *anaemic*, but with four Blues and two Isis oarsmen on board exuded confidence later to turn into melancholy.

The crews rolled off well before the University Stone—the official race start—in perfect conditions with a good tide and no wind. Laurel soon went to the front, gaining a quarter of a length but were brought back by their other half before the Mile Post. But before Steve Fairbairn's classic bust was reached, the first and only belly-laughs of the voyage were given when with a wide expanse of river available two big clashes of oars took place, despite direction from the coaches' launch.

Uncharacteristically, too, it was Laurel who were guilty of the unnecessary bullying. Laurel too, appeared to have their rivals at their mercy with a few feet lead at Hammersmith Bridge and the Surrey bend beckoning to their advantage, but Hardy stuck fast and with their superior engine room at full blast countered and reversed *the position before* Chiswick steps. Approaching Barnes Bridge, Hardy broke clear and with the sharp Middlesex bend now in their favour romped home finally escorted by Oxford's lightweight eight-designate leaving Laurel whimpering in their wake.

HARDY: N. D. V. Burgess (Radley and Oriel) bow, D. Bacon (Tiewell-[illegible], Cambridge and St Edmund Hall), B. W. [illegible] (University of [illegible] and Hertford), J. Wiggins (Wallingford Upper School and Keble), S. G. H. Plunkett (Methodist College, Belfast and Queen's), K. C. Brown (Cornell University and Christ Church), A. D. Edwards (King's School, Worcester and St Peter's), J. R. P. Pike (Marlborough and University) stroke, J. N. Calvert (Hurst School and St Edmund Hall) cox.

LAUREL: D. S. I. Wright (Hampton GS and Oriel) bow, S. G. S[illegible] (Hillgate and Balliol), D. J. Newman (Westminster and Christ Church), R. A. Scott (Sherborne and Magdalen), [illegible] S. Innes (Pangbourne and Oriel), [illegible] Maron (Eton and Keble), [illegible]D. R. H. [illegible] (Radley and Oriel), [illegible]A. G. H. Baird (Radley and Christ Church) stroke, J. Fall (Bedford Modern and Oriel) cox.

For the record

Golf

MBABANE, SWAZILAND: Holiday Inns Invitation tournament: Final scores: 276: D. Hayes, J. Fourie (Hayes won play-off). 277: H. Baiocchi, C. du Toit. 278: C. Legrange, A. Henning. 280: R. Cole (all SA). R. Hunt (GB). 281: C. Mason (GB), T. Claasens (SA). 282: P. Berry (GB). A. Jacklin (GB), A. Oosthuizen (SA). Other GB scores: 287: P. Townsend. 295: I. [illegible]. 2[illegible]: D. Vaughan.

MELBOURNE: Far East Women's tournament: Final scores: 21[illegible]: [illegible] Bradley. 217: J. Kazmierski. 213: S. Hamlin (all US). 219: S. Yamazaki (Japan), J. Rankin (US). 220: J. Blalock, [illegible]: S. Haynie, B. Stacy (all US), C. Higuchi (Japan).

CHRISTCHURCH: Garden City tournament: Final scores: 2[illegible]: J. Lister (New Zealand). 2[illegible]: S. Ginn (Australia). 27[illegible]: W. Brask (US). [illegible]: G. Archer (US), N. Ratcliffe (Australia), B. Jeckel (US). 2[illegible]: H. Underwood (US), E. Nagle (Australia), R. Davis (Australia).

BURNHAM: Burnham and Berrow beat Oxford University, 13½—[illegible].

Tennis

LAS VEGAS: Challenge match: J. Connors and Miss C. M. Evert beat M. Riessen and Mrs B. W. King, 4—6, 6—[illegible], 6—4, 7—[illegible].

ADELAIDE: South Australian championships: Men's singles final: S. Ball (Australia) beat J. Lloyd (GB), 6—4, 7—5, 6—1; Women's singles final: Miss S. Barker (GB) beat Miss H. Masthoff (W Germany), 6—0, 6—1.

TOKYO: Davis Cup, Eastern zone: India lead Japan, 1—0 (A. Amritraj beat T. Sakai, 7—5, 7—5, 6—0, 6—2). Second day postponed, rain.

Badminton

CARDIFF: Welsh open championships: Finals: Men's singles: K. Jolly beat E. A. Reeve, 15—13, 15—[illegible]. Women's singles: Miss P. Davies beat Mrs A. Dickson, 11—3, 11—[illegible]. Men's doubles: [illegible] and K. Jolly beat E. A. [illegible] Reeve and D. Colmer, 15—[illegible], 15—[illegible]. Women's doubles: Mrs A. Dickson and Mrs S. Brimble beat Mrs L. Blake and Miss S. Roberts, 15—3, 1[illegible]—16. Mixed doubles: H. Jennings and Mrs A. Dickson beat A. Philpot and Miss C. Stevens, 15—5, 15—11.

Race walking

UXBRIDGE: National women's championships: Senior 5,000 metres: J. Farr (Bromley) [illegible]. Team: 1, North Shields Polytechnic 25 pts. Under-15 2,000 metres: 1, K. Cox (Solihull) 12min 40sec. Team: Solihull, 6 pts. Under-13 [illegible]: 1, K. Eden (Solihull) 13min [illegible]sec.

Cycling

ZURICH: International six-day race: 1, P. Sercu (Belgium) and G. Haritz (W Germany), 254 pts; 2, D. Thurau (W Germany) and R. Savary (Switzerland), 307, one lap behind; 3, R. Schulten and R. Pijnen (Netherlands), 303.

Speedway

SYDNEY: International: England beat Australia 70—38. England lead 4—0 in series of five.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Canadiens 6, Washington Capitals 3; Buffalo Sabres 4, New York Islanders 2; Boston Bruins 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; St Louis Blues 7, Philadelphia Flyers 0; Minnesota North Stars 4, Kansas City Scouts 2; Los Angeles Kings 3, Detroit Red Wings 2.

WORLD ASSOCIATION: Cincinnati Stingers 3, Denver Spurs 2; Indianapolis Racers [illegible], Cleveland Crusaders 2; Phoenix Roadrunners 0, Houston Aeros 3; San Diego Mariners 4, New England Whalers 1.

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Leeds 25, Swinton 14.

Yesterday

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford N 11, Salford 10; Featherstone R [illegible], postponed; Hull KR 17, Oldham [illegible]; St Helens v Dewsbury, postponed; Wigan 21, Keighley 15.

SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool B 6, [illegible]; Huyton [illegible]; Halifax [illegible], York 20; Hull [illegible].

Lacrosse

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Kenton 10, Buckhurst Hill 8.

WOMEN'S MATCH: Hatch End 1, Putney 11.

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham 0, Cheam 1; Cambridge University 1, Blackheath 2; Guildford 1, Richmond 0; Hounslow 1, Hawks Hill 2; [illegible] 0, Slough 1; London University 2, [illegible] 5; [illegible] 3, [illegible]; Old Kingstonians [illegible]; Oxford University 0, Southgate 1; [illegible] 3, [illegible] 2; [illegible] 1; [illegible] 1; Wimbledon 2, Dulwich 3.

EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedfordshire Eagles 0, Norwich Wanderers 0; Cambridge University [illegible]; [illegible] 0, Broxbourne 1; Colchester 2, [illegible] 3; Old Southendians 0, [illegible]; Bishop's Stortford 2; Westcliff 0, [illegible] 1.

OTHER MATCHES: RAC 4, [illegible] 2; University College London 1, Kingston GS 3.

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Berkshire 2, Middlesex [illegible]; London University 1, [illegible]; Huntingdonshire 2, Cambridgeshire 1; Norfolk 2, Lincolnshire 0.

Table tennis

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SPORT

Football

Eight c[illegible]auses a [illegible] dovecotes

By Gerald Sinstadt

Colin Waldron, the [illegible]
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results le[illegible] Comedy of Errors
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only Le[illegible] geon's burst of speed to
are ne[illegible] se of the Australian cham-
point a hurdler, Navigation, in the
W[illegible] nal 200 yards of Cheltenham's
has Trial Hurdle, with Comedy of Errors struggling vainly in his wake, some six and a half lengths behind, does not automatically make him favourite for next March's Champion Hurdle, it at least provides food for thought.

Gordon Richards's handling of the Sea Bird gelding, who finished fifth in Morston's Derby, has been little short of brilliant. The Penrith trainer is fully aware that mental training rather than physical preparation is the key to producing Sea Pigeon at his best on the day. While both Richards and the crowd of journalists clustering round him after the race realized that they had seen possibly the best hurdling performance of the season, the precise significance of the result eluded them.

We know Sea Pigeon is a horse of class. We now know he is capable of reproducing that turn of [illegible]ot characteristic of his sire, Sea Bird II, against the best company. [illegible] still do not know whether he is likely to win the Champion Hurdle.

The key factor on Saturday was the ground. Both Sea Pigeon and Night Nurse have shown themselves to be too quick for Comedy of Errors on fast going, but they have both been receiving weight in their defeat of the champion. Bearing in mind that Tree Tangle and Flash Imp were firmly put in their places by the best hurdler I have seen since Bula, there are still a lot of permutations open.

Whatever confusion may have been put in our minds by the result of the Cheltenham Trial Hurdle, there was not a shadow of doubt that Easby Abbey put up a performance of consummate authority when taking the Massey-Ferguson Gold Cup. Easby Abbey lacks the physical presence of Crisp, but this was the most spectacular showing seen by a steeplechaser since the Australian giant finally capitulated on the long run-in at Aintree in 1973.

I should have realized that an Easby Abbey who has destroyed many high class fields of hurdlers, giving them lumps of weight in the past, was capable of doing the same thing over fences, and, although Ron Barry's words that "one day he'll leave me behind" are a trifle derogatory to one of the greatest Irish jockeys of all time, I see his point.

With less than a mile to go, four fences still to jump, and the field packed together the issue was still in doubt. Then suddenly Big Ron and Easby Abbey were gone beyond recall. Our feeble doubts about his stamina were stilled long before London Express, struggling on vainly in second place, crashed to the ground two fences from home. His head tucked in his chest, Easby Abbey strode home as if eager for further action. His pipe smoking, trilby-hatted trainer, Peter Easterby, said afterwards: "We'll be here again. That's for sure".

When you realize that this spare framed gelding had turned his eight opponents into so many struggling one-pacers in less time than it takes to light a cigarette, his shrewd Yorkshire trainer's dilemma can be appreciated. The Champion Steeplechase run over two miles is of course Easby Abbey's natural objective.

But, Easterby, nothing if not a realist, understands full well that a horse beaten only a length and a half by Comedy of Errors in the 1973 Champion Hurdle might well stay the three and a quarter miles of the Gold Cup on fast ground. With Easby Abbey, Night Nurse and Sea Pigeon Northern trainers' hopes stand high at the turn of the year.

Ron Barry and Easby Abbey are led into the winners' enclosure after Saturday's victory.

Nocturnal Spree, bought for 96,000 guineas at last week's Newmarket December sales, travels to Canada after visiting Bustino at the Queen's Wolferton Stud. Her destination will be her new owner Eddie Taylor's Windfield Farm. Taylor is best known as the man who bred the great Nijinsky.

Nocturnal Spree, the winner of this year's 1,000 Guineas, could be considered a bargain. Northern Gem, who did not win a classic, fetched a record price for a three-year-old filly—108,000 guineas—last year, and the Oaks winner, Ginevra, cost 105,000 guineas in 1972.

Jim Dreaper, who saddled Ten Up to win this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup, has three probables for the race in March. Apart from Ten Up, he has also entered Brown Lad and Lough Inagh. Ten Up, who makes his reappearance at Punchestown on Saturday, is quoted at 3-1 favourite by Corals to retain his crown.

STATE OF GOING (official): Teesside Park: Good to soft. Nottingham: Good to firm. Plumpton (tomorrow): Steeplechase course, good to soft: hurdles soft.

Baroness finishes 12th

Paris, Dec 7.—The Baroness Edith de Breuzel rode Roland Filloud's Bleu de Methylene into twelfth place in the Prix du Chene Capitaine Hurdle Handicap at Auteuil here today.

The baroness, who has ridden more than 20 winners in the provinces, was having her first race in Paris and became the first woman jockey to take part in a race picked for the weekly Tierce bet, in which off course punters try to choose the first three horses.

It is only the second or third time a woman has ridden in a hurdle race or steeplechase at Auteuil, officials said. The race was won by the top weight and favourite, Endless, owned by Mrs Cino del Duca and ridden by Guy Negrel.

Bullshot, ridden by the British jockey Martin Blackshaw, was pulled up before the second flight from home.—Reuter.

Bannow Rambler favourite

Ireland's leading Champion Hurdle hope, Bannow Rambler, failed in his attempt to carry a record top weight of 12 st 4 lb to victory in Saturday's Benson and Hedges Handicap Hurdle at Fairyhouse. The impressive winner of Cheltenham's Lloyds Bank Champion Novices Hurdle last March finished fourth to Helenium.

A mistake at the fourth hurdle from home and some interference on the run to the final flight probably cost Bannow Rambler third prize money. A leading Irish bookmaker quickly promoted Bannow Rambler to favouritism at 5 to 2 for the Sweeps Hurdle at Leopardstown on December 27. Other prices quoted after the race were 7 to 2 Night Nurse, Comedy of Errors, 3 to 1 Navigation. Padge Berry, the trainer, said he would prepare Bannow Rambler for the Sweeps Hurdle, and would make up his mind about Cheltenham after the Leopardstown race.

Teesside Park programme

12.45 DANBY HURDLE (Novices: 4-y-o: £306: 2m 176yd)

1 10-0143 **Autumn Rain** (S. Marsh), A. Dickinson, 11-7 .. M. Dickinson
4 **Ballyrobin** (D. Smith), Denys Smith, 11-0 .... N. Balmer 7
5 **Barnas Mor** (H. McNeill), G. Richards, 11-0 .. J. J. O'Neill
6 0313- **Birthday Parade** (H. Brown), I. Twiball, 11-0 .... R. Lee 7
7 00-0004 **Blue Comedian** (N. Chamberlain), Chamberlain, 11-0 D. Goulding
[illegible] 42 **Bold Warrior** (Mrs M. Clark), J. Barry, 11-0 .. N. Tinkler
10 0 **Coral II** (N. Waggott), Waggott, 11-0 .... W. Redfern
12 033-0 **Crowded Hall** (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 11-0 T. Stack
13 0-0040 **Cubeley Brook** (W. Cooper), Mrs Cooper, 11-0 B. Sayles 7
14 0050-40 **Denby** (Mrs J. Furgess), I. Lamb, 11-0 .... R. Lamb
[illegible] **Dryburn** (W. Watson), G. Fairbairn, 11-0 .... R. Barry
[illegible] f00 **Gusty Semers** (D. Cooper), B. Richmond, 11-0 .. M. O'Shea 7
[illegible] **King** (W. Forster), Forster, 11-0 .... P. Ennis
21 00000- **Mister Magic** (G. Robson), W. A. Stephenson, 11-0 R. Collins 7
23 **Mister Solo** (W. Stephenson), W. A. Stephenson, 11-0 Mr K. Jewett 7
[illegible] **Moray Lodge** (R. Winfield), S. Norton, 11-0 .. B. Fletcher
[illegible] 000 **Mr Ten Per Cent** (Mrs B. Meechan), W. A. Stephenson, 11-0 G. Reid 7
[illegible] 0f0-f30 **Northern Tulip** (W. Stephenson), W. A. Stephenson, 11-0 G. Faulkner 7
[illegible] 323 **Pentagon** (Mrs S. Taylor), G. Robinson, 11-0 .. G. Holmes
27 0-05 **Queensway** (J. Finlayson), H. Blackshaw, 11-0 .. T. Skiffington
30 30 **Sir Christopher** (Mrs J. Milligan), B. Wilkinson, 11-0 R. A. Harrison 7
31 **Substantial** (Mrs T. Hall), Miss S. Hall, 11-0 ...... D. Greaves
[illegible] 0 **Tree Breeze** (W. Barker), Miss S. Hall, 11-0 ...... P. Mangan
[illegible] f **Wezra** (W. Cooper), Mrs S. Cooper, 11-0 Mr D. Oldham 7
[illegible] 0 **Woodside Terrace** (A. Grant), C. Bell, 11-0 J. McDougall 5

5-2 Autumn Rain, 7-2 Crowded Hall, 4-1 Pentagon, 6-1 Barnas Mor, 10-1 Birthday Parade, Cubeley Brook, 12-1 Ballyrobin, 20-1 others.

1.15 THORNABY HURDLE (Handicap: £306: 2m 176yd)

1 **Tack Noir** (P. Cook), Cook, 6-12-7 .... P. James
3 0000-10 **Possidon** (W. Watts), Watts, 8-11-7 .... S. Charlton 7
4 00003-0 **Stovepipe** (W. Young), C. Bell, 7-11-6 .... D. Nolan
5 03- **Kenpak** (J. Finlayson), H. Blackshaw, 7-11-5 .... K. Genuk 7
[illegible] 30302-1 **Viaduct** (R. McDonald), J. Fitzgerald, 6-11-0 .. M. Lowry 7
10 3210-p **Noble Gesture** (L. Soards), D. Yeoman, 5-10-8 .... C. Tinkler
11 00-0f0f **Brave Loot** (P. David), I. Berry, 7-10-5 .. D. McAllister 7
13 33-220 **Galadon** (J. Barclay), Barclay, 6-10-2 ...... Mr H. Barclay 5
14 010330 **I Like It** (B Richmond), Richmond, 10-10-1 .. M. O'Shea 7
15 ppa **Winter Folly** (L. Pick), D. Chapman, 9-10-0 .. K. McCauley
17 0-00060 **Scotch Briar** (T. Kersey), Kersey, 10-10-0 .. Mr G. Kersey 7

6-4 Viaduct, 4-1 Possidon, 5-1 Galadon, 8-1 Kenpak, 10-1 I Like It, 12-1 Brave Loot, Stovepipe, 20-1 others.

1.45 CLEVELAND COUNTY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £473: 3m)

1 p10303- **Interview II** (CD) (R. Hunter), W. A. Stephenson, 10-11-7 G. Faulkner 7
2 f1-4312 **Glen Owen** (Lord Cadogan), N. Crump, 8-11-2 .. D. Atkins
4 C10- **Pattered** (T. Winterton), A. Dickinson, 9-10-9 .. C. Tinkler
5 0000-21 **Francophile** (S. Lovell), R. Lamb, 10-10-2 ...... R. Lamb
6 0-00112 **Cantabet** (J. Lisle), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-4 .... T. Stack
7 2113-01 **Sebastian V** (C) (R. Jeffreys), C. Bell, 7-10-3 .. M. Barnes

9-4 Cantabet, 5-1 Glen Owen, 7-2 Sebastian V, 9-2 Francophile, 8-1 Interview II, 12-1 Pattered.

2.15 LANGBAURGH HURDLE (Handicap: £550: 2m 176yd)

1 1000-f **Whispering Grace** (CD) (S. Green), N. Crump, 12-12-7 D. Atkins
3 40-0112 **Paint Job** (Mrs R. Cumberland), W. A. Stephenson, 4-11-1 T. Stack
4 4003-00 **Emma J** (D. Simpson), W. Whiston, 7-11-0 .... G. Holmes
5 20000-0 **Shipwrecked** (Mrs F. Hall), Miss S. Hall, 5-10-11 Mr C. Platts 5
[illegible] **Epineuse** (CD) ([illegible]), G. Fairbairn, 6-10-10 R. Barry
7 1-f1024 **Tanora** (I. Manners), Denys Smith, 6-10-10 .... A. Dickman
8 -1212 **Kings Comet** (R. Stringer), J. Calver, 5-10-7 .. N. Tinkler
[illegible] 2215-04 **Current Gold** (J. Picton), G. Richards, [illegible]-10-7 J. J. O'Neill
10 0000-02 **Marcus Lady** (CD) (C. Lamb), Lamb, 6-10-5 .... R. Lamb
11 122-001 **French Bridge** (P. Burke), R. Ward, 4-10-1 ...... K. Gray 7
[illegible] 211-000 **Reikodimo** (J. Simpson), W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-0 R. Collins 7
[illegible] p0-0000 **Propinquity** (T. Millar), B. Morris, 4-10-0 .... B. Fletcher 7
17 4u1032- **Supreme Sail** (C. Thompson), V. Thompson, 4-10-0 C. Tinkler

5-1 Paint Job, 7-2 Epineuse, 11-2 Tanora, 6-1 Marcus Lady, 8-1 Current Gold, King's Comet, 12-1 French Bridge, Whispering Grace, 16-1 others.

2.45 WILTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £306: 2m)

1 3-04231 **Stay-Bell** (D) (Sir H. Fraser), Mrs S. Chesmore, 6-11-13 R. Barry
2 000-313 **Subway** (D) (W. Lockey), B. Wilkinson, 7-11-2 .. C. Tinkler
3 p41310 **Dlles Donc** (D) (D. Chapman), Chapman, 6-11-1 .. K. McCauley
4 0301-0f **Lisoman** (Lady Cadogan), N. Crump, 8-11-0 .... D. Atkins
5 0e2220 **Oscar Lad** (S. Smith), Smith, 9-10-13 .... P. Brogan
7 05-6203 **Tabby** (F. Quibell), J. Dower, 9-10-8 .... —
8 020-40 **Salmo Lady** (C. Lamb), Lamb, 7-10-6 .... R. Lamb
9 22132u **Fugal Deal** (Miss V. Stead), M. Camacho, 9-10-4 .. D. Greaves
10 10p-210 **Aucklander** (N. Chamberlain), Chamberlain, 10-10-2 B. Fletcher

15-8 Stay-Bell, 7-2 Fugal Deal, 4-1 Subway, 6-1 Dlles Donc, 8-1 Tabby, 12-1 Salmo Lady, 16-1 others.

3.15 HARDWICK HURDLE (Novices: Handicap: £306: 2m 176yd)

1 0-41112 **Spring Life** (P. Greenall), W. A. Stephenson, 6-12-7 Mr P. Greenall
2 343400- **Mystic Queen** (Sir H. Arbuthnot), G. Fairbairn, 6-11-13 R. Barry
5 230220 **Crown Hotel** (V. Thompson), Thompson, 5-11-5 .. G. Holmes
6 C3300- **Mucaine** (D. Trefusis), J. Fitzgerald, 6-11-5 .... M. Lowry 7
7 2222-3 **Perfect Match** (J. Appleton), J. Calvert, 9-11-4 .. N. Tinkler
11 f132 **Milloy** (J. McNeill), G. Richards, 5-11-2 .... T. Leary
12 0-407 **Ego Trip** (Mrs M. Hotterill), J. W. Watts, 4-11-1 .. D. Munro
13 03-0 **Brig Park** (D. Thomson), Thomson, 4-10-12 .... T. Stack
[illegible] 0 **Queen's Melody** (Mrs M. Dawson), Miss S. Hall, 5-10-10 P. Mangan
16 420402 **Hello Louis** (Mrs A. Page), W. Page, 5-10-8 ...... P. Ennis
17 24- **Another Kind** (Mrs A. Morris), H. Morris, 7-10-7 .. P. Morris
18 **Drakes Lesson** (C. Barron), Barron, 9-10-2 .... C. Hawkins 7
19 200000- **Rum Year** (J. Acklam), C. Robinson, 5-10-0 .. J. Armstrong 5

11-4 Spring Life, 4-1 Perfect Match, 9-2 Milloy, 6-1 Ego Trip, 8-1 Crown Hotel, Mystic Queen, 12-1 Hello Louis, Mucaine, 20-1 others.

Teesside Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.45 Autumn Rain. 1.15 Viaduct. 1.45 Glen Owen. 2.15 Paint Job. 2.45 Subway. 3.15 Milloy.

Nottingham programme

1.0 RUDDINGTON HURDLE (Div I: Novices: 3-y-o: £578: 2m)

4 41 **Saintly Purchase** (D) (Lord Hartington), D. Morley, 11-7 B. R. Davies
7 14 ***Mezzofanti** (R. Hunter), D. Morley, 11-4 .... —
[illegible]

1.30 HOCKERTON HURDLE (Novices Handicap: £340: 2m)

[illegible]

2.0 WOLLATON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: [illegible]: 3m)

[illegible]

2.30 WOODBOROUGH STEEPLECHASE (Novices: [illegible]: 2m)

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8 0CC-600 **Co-Partner** (W. Jenks), Jenks, 6-11-7 .... R. F. Davies
9 0000-0 **Enhaven** (Mrs B. Bridgett), P. Bridgett, 7-11-7 Mr C. Bridgett 7
[illegible] 143-000 **Palacelli** ([illegible]), 6-11-7 .... R. Mangan
[illegible] 10-02-p **Tremendous** (R. Platts), Platts, 6-11-7 .... R. Atkins

6-4 Roaring Wind, 13-8 Pomerello, 7-2 Bedland, 10-1 Palacelli, 14-1 Tremendous, 20-1 others.

3.0 KEGWORTH HURDLE (Handicap: £510: 2m)

2 000-0 **Andy Scott** (D) (Mrs J. Holmes), T. Gillam, 7-11-7 .. J. Crowley
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3.30 RUDDINGTON HURDLE (Div II: Novices: 3-y-o: £578: 2m)

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Nottingham selections

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Lingfield Park results

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Cheltenham

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Catterick Bridge

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Latest betting

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Why it is time to put head before heart in giving

Very few of us in the western world today are troubled as to whether we should sell all we have and give to the poor. We are inclined to feel that the taxman sees to the redistribution quite effectively enough—and without improving our chances for the Kingdom of Heaven. Yet there still is, of course, quite a considerable stream of subscriptions, donations and legacies to registered charities of all kinds. Moreover, there seems to have been little change in the kind of appeal that still attracts generous giving. Apart from specialized appeals for a particular interest, a particular building and the like, the response is overwhelmingly in favour of highly personal causes, most of all, it goes without saying, the relief of personal suffering.

It has always been, and remains, far more difficult to win money for intellectually conceived causes, even when reason tells one that to support them would avert misery rather than relieve it. If in addition to their inability to play on the heart strings such causes also involve some reality that is in any way distasteful or embarrassing, then the unhappy fundraiser can be sure of a poor response.

I have had experience of both sides of this natural yet in many ways unfortunate dichotomy. Some years ago a schoolgirl in our village had acute kidney disease and a machine was necessary to save her life. The authorities could not provide one, for it had been quite rationally decided that their cost was too high, that the spending of so much on a single case could not be justified. Led by the girl's doctor, an appeal was launched and within a week the sum of £8,000 was raised from our small community.

I am not suggesting that we were wrong: probably most of that £8,000 would otherwise have been spent selfishly and not on other charities—and such a truly personal appeal to a local sense of responsibility must always come first. No, what struck me so forcibly was the dramatic contrast with another effort to raise funds which I had recently experienced. This was for the Homosexual Law Reform Society. No one could doubt that the law as it then stood was causing deprivation, pain, suicides. Yet in spite of much devoted voluntary help we had the greatest difficulty in extracting enough money to pay our modest rent and self-sacrificing staff of two.

A little later I was on the sidelines during a dismally unsuccessful campaign to set the Council for the Protection of Rural England on its financial feet. Here the objective not only appeared impersonal but (wrongly) without urgency and involved with privilege. Yet looking forward over the generations who shall say that a comely, historically enriched countryside may not secure a delight that is as beneficial a healer as anything medicine can provide? I often wonder whether our ideal of welfare has not become far too negative. If the healthy, the gifted, the fortunate and the more virtuous, and the things that nourish them, must always come second, who in the end will not suffer? Compassion is a noble thing yet we do not want the symbol of our society to be an ambulance rather than the lion, the unicorn, the rose, the lily or the harp of our forebears.

There is another difficult cause in which I have long been interested and which is now more than ever in urgent need of support. It was always called birth control until it was found that this name was a money freezer and it was changed to family planning. At first we were not much concerned with the demography but with the happiness or misery of individual women and their families. In those days, therefore, it was as personal a charity as any other, and it was probably the distaste factor, even more than religious opposition, that made it unappealing. (Who still remembers those "birth control balls" patronized by the brave stage army of the Left?) In many ways that domestic struggle has now been won. The State was converted and offers free contraception—yet still with an exceptional lack of drive.

Meanwhile the other, superficially impersonal, aspect of birth control has become far more urgent. It is easy to make fun of doom-watchers, but no-one can deride the menacing figures of the multiplication of our kind over the face of the earth. Without any questionable projections into the future, we have the facts that our numbers swell daily by 215,000 and that world population increased by 80 million last year. Or again that two thirds of mankind are already underfed and that to nourish their peoples as they should be nourished the food supplies of the developing countries would have to be raised by 75 per cent in the next five years.

Ignoring other material shortages and educational and spiritual needs, in terms of food alone it seems that th faltering fecundity of our plane cannot keep pace with the un checked fecundity of our bodies. A wild drive for the sprea of birth control is the onl answ

Yet since the British Famil Planning Association (on among the 80 in the Inte national Planned Parenthoo Federation) launched its Pop lation Count Down Campai to raise funds for itself and f the Federation, the respon has been predictably thin. T Federation concentrates " poor countries with acute pop lation problems, providi actual contraception services well as spreading informati proselytizing and traini Trusts, companies, individu however, respond far m generously to appeals of kind that can be recommend by pictures of starving moth and babies.

If you look in a categori dictionary of quotations un heart and head you will f that every author with exception of the unlova Lord Chesterfield is all for heart. Of course—it is natu and most often right. Yet this fast changing and laby thine world, where so mu has to begin by taking thoug the natural response may faulty. In this matter charities let the full imag tion have a chance before gift is assigned. Then beh the cool seemingly imperso appeal, the human beings other dear creatures for wh it has indeed been made, appear in all their reality. least it is an exercise wo trying—and in time for Chr mas.

Jacquetta Hawk

The terrible things that happen when the air is too dry

December is an excellent month for piano tuners. It is rather less good for people who own pianos, or for musicians with harpsichords, organs and harps who suddenly find their instruments out of tune. Late autumn also brings out blisters in painted wood panels, cracks in parchment, loose pieces in marquetry, warping in ivory. Glass catches glass disease. The surface of pottery and terracotta powders and flakes away.

This seeming crumbling of the physical world is being caused not by cold but by central heating—or more precisely by the intensely dry air produced by central heating. What parchment, wood, leather and ivory have in common is that they are hygroscopic. They respond to changes in humidity; swell in the damp, shrink in the dry.

This would not matter were it not for the fact that wood, for instance, alters a different amount in different directions. Circles become ovals, and squares oblongs. Moving a painted wooden panel from a cool, damp country house to a centrally heated shop is like taking it into the Sahara. Designed and intended for damp, it drys out, cracks and peels.

Decay does not stop at furniture. When the air is too dry skin behaves much like parchment: it dries up and shrivels. Plants droop. People with sinus and asthma (and smokers) feel terrible. Contact lenses irritate. Computer magnetic tapes tangle. The situation apparently is getting rapidly worse, as central heating takes over, and the natural urge among people is to keep raising the temperature.

The evils of dry air have obviously been studied closely since the advent of central heating (particularly in America and Switzerland), and ways of keeping it humid enough have long been a feature of industrial life. But it was not until a Swiss humidifier enthusiast arrived in this country eight years ago and read a letter in a do-it-yourself magazine that the humidifier lobby took shape here. The letter was from a man who had recently carpeted his sitting room in a Nylon fitted carpet; he complained he was getting electric shocks. The editor of the magazine, rightly recognizing it to be a dry air problem, somewhat frivolously suggested that he should spray it every day with a watering can.

On this portrait of an old man, one panel shows longitudinal cracks on the grain of the wood because of low relative humidity which has caused the wood shrinkage.

This remark so startled Mr Felix Leisinger that he embarked on a campaign to bring the right humidity to this country, and promoted humidifiers, small machines which belch out damp steam and keep the room at its proper level of humidity: 45 to 55 per cent relative humidity, as opposed to the 10 to 20 per cent commonly found with central heating on.

Since then humidifiers have become relatively big busin There are varieties that silent and cough out squirts steam at regular interva others that whirr away c tinuously. They cost betw £38 and £70. But they are a said to save money. When t air is very dry you need m heat: once humidity is ri you can turn it down. T Humidifier Advisory Serv (with its slogan "dry kills"), started by Mr Leising have calculated that proper humidifie you can lower t temperature by 25 to 30 p cent and still feel as warm. true, in terms of economy alon the Service has a case for machines.

Not all doctors cred humidifiers with quite th miraculous properties the Se vice ascribes to them. There is even some suggestion th humidifiers which have n been properly cleaned c cause lung disease. But impressive body of researche and doctors are now argu that steam humidifiers sterile water should be install in hospital wards and p scribed for cases of bronchi (Humidifier manufacturers give a discount for orders prescription.) Research com from Switzerland and Can. also links low humidity to high number of colds and during the months when ind temperatures are high and air dry. Flu viruses g better in the dry.

Faced with widespread i ance and a good deal of sc cism, the Humidifier Advi Service have come up wi plan to give some weigh their message. They have s sored a three-year medical ject at Sheffield Universi look at the medical evid which they hope will give need for proper humidity attention it deserves, and lish once and all how important it is.

Caroline Moore

How prison overcrowding could be reduced

Despite more enlightened attitudes in the courts and more humane policies towards prison and borstal inmates, places of detention are full to bursting, with inimical effects on all residents, paid and penal alike. One obvious cause of this is the increase in crime, especially muggings, armed robbery and other forms of violence, with teenagers accounting for a greater proportion of such offences than ever before.

Volumes can be written—and have been—on the reasons for this increase, including lack of parental control, increased unemployment, sub-standard living conditions and many others. But whatever the reasons, the need to reduce the prison population has now become urgent.

There are no facile solutions, no "pill" to plan these numbers, but some ways can be found to decrease the numbers in detention and so enable those in charge to make greater efforts towards the genuine rehabilitation of offenders who have to stay inside.

Part at least of the overcrowding could be avoided if the police would adopt a more liberal attitude to requests for bail for certain kinds of offender. An appreciable proportion of people remanded in custody—often for months at a time—for "further inquiries" or psychiatric and probation reports are in the end released, placed on probation, fined, given suspended sentences, or ordered to expiate their crimes by community service. Why then lock them up in the first place, at immense cost to the public purse?

About a third of recidivists in local short stay prisons are chronic drunks. The Criminal Justice Act of 1967 empowering courts to substitute hostel stay for imprisonment was well intentioned. It was meant to provide an opportunity to rehabilitate offenders by medical treatment, drying out and other forms of therapy leading back to regular work or some suitable kind of re-training without the need for the individual to leave the community at all. This was a helpful advance—or it could have been. But an Act is of little use without the means to implement it, and there are now fewer hostel places than there were when the Act was passed eight years ago.

What is almost incomprehensible about this state of affairs is that the expense of maintaining a chronic drunken offender in prison is nearly four times that of keeping him in a hostel supervised by a warden. Here is a situation where the right and humane remedy would cost less rather than more. Why, then, no action?

Two other groups who together swell the numbers in prison are people admitted with psychiatric disorders and those found guilty of drug offences. In theory, psycho-therapy is available in most prisons; and indeed the Home Office in 1967 opened the Grendon Psychiatric Training Centre near Oxford for certain disturbed offenders including psychopaths who were judged to be amenable to special treatment, group therapy, etc, and there are two other less specialized centres of a similar nature. But these can deal with only a fraction of those who need such care.

Experienced psychiatrists in local prisons find little opportunity for successful psychotherapy where sentences are 12 months or less, because effective treatment usually takes at least six months, and the great majority in these prisons are released in a shorter time.

Would it not be more constructive to place these offenders also in hostels with a minimum of security restrictions where they could undergo proper care and treatment in the community to which they must return? Again the cost to that community would be lower.

Yet another category of offenders are drug addicts or people found in illegal possession of drugs. This group is smaller, but it contributes nevertheless to the overcrowding of prisons. Undoubtedly some of those on dangerous drugs of dependence like heroin are successfully treated by the prison medical staff and suffer the minimum of withdrawal symptoms after admission to prison. But these, too, could be dealt with more appropriately in hostels where custodial care is less important and from which rehabilitation is a much more hopeful [illegible] tion—[illegible] at less cost [illegible] taxpayer. Furthermore, one has little sympathy [illegible] criminals importing dru[illegible] gain, or for drug pusher[illegible] cannot help wondering [illegible] prison sentences are in th[illegible] appropriate for people fo[illegible] possession of minute qu[illegible] of cannabis which they [illegible] for themselves alone. A[illegible] of hard drugs like cocaine or morphine are [illegible]cult to cure in the best centres; prison is no an[illegible] this social problem, [illegible] since young dependents [illegible] survive beyond their [illegible] birthday.

A last group are those [illegible] ing deportation, and [illegible] be found to speed up the [illegible] removal from prison [illegible] own countries.

The point is that [illegible] solution in all these [illegible] the cheaper solution [illegible] that, but a prison [illegible] demanded of the [illegible] the deprived, the [illegible] derelict, for all of [illegible] is the wrong place [illegible] would relieve the prison [illegible] rities of what is [illegible] an intolerable [illegible] offer them some chance [illegible] their great skills to [illegible] structive forms of rehab[illegible] for the more serious off[illegible] who need it most.

Sir Selwyn Selwyn-C

The author, formerly Go[illegible] of the Seychelles, has [illegible] visiting [illegible] prisons [illegible]

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[illegible]S WELLS TH., Rosebery Ave. [illegible] in **GILBERT & SULLIVAN** [illegible] Trial by Jury [illegible] Pinafore [illegible] of Penzance.

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[illegible]D THEATRE [illegible] **GEMINI** [illegible] **MADAM BUTTERFLY** [illegible]

CONCERTS

AUTUMN AT [illegible]NAPE MALTINGS
[illegible], 20th December, 8 p.m.
[illegible] RECITAL—FOU TS'ONG
[illegible], Schubert, Debussy
[illegible] now: Festival Office [illegible]

THEATRES

THEATRE. 01-836 [illegible] 7.30. Mat. Thur., Sat. 3. **ANGELA BADDELEY** **JOSS ACKLAND** in **[illegible]TTLE NIGHT MUSIC** [illegible] with genius.”—[illegible]

[illegible] 836 5078. Repertory Seas. [illegible] **TUTIN** **TIMOTHY WEST** [illegible] **ACORI** **JOHN TURNER** [illegible] **[illegible]TH IN THE COUNTR[illegible]** [illegible] **[illegible]OOM WITH A VIEW**

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[illegible]DOR'S. 01-836 1171 [illegible] **[illegible]PY AS A SANDBAG** [illegible] Musical by Ken Lee [illegible] Don't Miss It.” [illegible]

THEATRE. 437 [illegible] [illegible] PICKUP in [illegible] Award-Winning comedy [illegible] ALAN AYCKBOURN **[illegible]NORMAN CONQUESTS** [illegible] PLAY OF THE YEAR [illegible] Standard Drama Award [illegible] **R'ND THE GARDEN.** [illegible] **TABLE [illegible]** [illegible] **[illegible]OGETHER** [illegible]

[illegible]EATRE CLUB. [illegible] **[illegible]NNEDY'S CHILDREN** [illegible] C. Barnes. N Tms. LAST 2 WEEKS

[illegible]CE THEATRE. [illegible] DENISON, Derek [illegible] **[illegible]E BLACK MIKADO** [illegible] musical of 1975 [illegible]

[illegible]Y ST. THEATRE. [illegible] 1.15 p.m. **NOEL [illegible]RD'S** “Still Life” with [illegible]

[illegible]THEATRE. 01-[illegible] 6877 [illegible] Opens Dec 18. **DANNY LA RUE** New Family Xmas Show **QUEEN DANNIELLA**

[illegible] **FRANCIS MATTHEWS** **LEIGH LAWSON** **AMANDA BARRIE** **TOUCH OF SPRIN[illegible]** [illegible] by Allan Davis [illegible] COMEDY.” E. News

[illegible] Pic Circus [illegible] **ROSENCRANZ AND [illegible]LDENSTERN ARE DEAD.** [illegible] superb comedy.” FT.

[illegible]AKE THEATRE. 01-[illegible] **BILLY** A NEW MUSICAL [illegible] British musical [illegible] Sunday People

[illegible] **[illegible]OH ! CALCUTTA !** [illegible] IN ITS 6TH YEAR [illegible] beautiful.”—S. Tel. [illegible] is stunning.”—D. Tel.

YORK'S. 836 5122 Mon-Th. [illegible] **PHILLIPS, ROY KINNEAR** [illegible] the funniest men in the Brit[illegible] **[illegible]GER'S LAST STAND**

YORK'S [illegible] **[illegible]AD OF TOAD HALL** [illegible]

[illegible] Evenings 8.0 [illegible] **[illegible]ARLES PIERCE SHOW** [illegible] funny.—Daily Mirror. [illegible] FUNNY.”—E. News.

THEATRE. 01-836 [illegible] **[illegible]BSENT FRIENDS** [illegible] AYCKBOURN'S FINEST [illegible] PLAY.”—Harold Hobson.

[illegible] **SHAKESPEARE COMPANY** [illegible] **IAN McKELLEN** [illegible] **TRUE TO BE GOOD** By Bernard Shaw

[illegible]ICH [illegible] Beckett Even[illegible] Last Tape & In Memory of [illegible] Miranda. [illegible]

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[illegible]EAD. [illegible] **WORDPLAY** by Roger [illegible] **MR [illegible]'S [illegible]TY SHOW WITH MR PUNCH.**

[illegible] **[illegible]RT LOM TRIUMPHS**” E News **NIGEL STOCK** in **BETZI** [illegible] Douglas Home is one of the [illegible] writers in the country. [illegible]

[illegible]KET THEATRE. [illegible] Dec 16 (Preview Dec. 15) [illegible] Geraldine McEwan, [illegible] Edward Hardwicke in [illegible] Lonsdale's **ON APPROVAL**

[illegible]JESTY'S. [illegible] **IPI TOMBI** thrilling production, presented [illegible]

[illegible]HEAD. [illegible] Evgs. 8.0. [illegible] MIRROR [illegible] presents [illegible] Genet's **THE MAIDS** [illegible]

[illegible]ROAD THEATRE. [illegible] **[illegible]ROCKY HORROR SHOW** [illegible] MUSICAL OF THE YEAR.” [illegible] Standard Drama award.

[illegible] **THE BED BEFORE YESTERDAY** [illegible] comedy by BEN TRAVERS [illegible] returns Jan. 1, 1976.

MAYFAIR THEATRE. [illegible] **ALPHABETICAL ORDER** [illegible]

MAYFAIR. [illegible] **SOOTY'S CHRISTMAS SHOW** Daily [illegible]

MERMAID. [illegible] **GULLIVER'S TRAVELS** [illegible]

NEW LONDON. [illegible] **SPIKE MILLIGAN**, [illegible] **TREASURE ISLAND** [illegible]

NEW LONDON. [illegible] Jan 1. **BRUCE FORSYTH** In his own [illegible] show

NEW VICTORIA. 01-834 [illegible] Opens Dec. [illegible] **ALADDIN**

OLD VIC. THE NATIONAL THEATRE. [illegible] **HAMLET** [illegible] **PLAGORA BRITANNICA** [illegible]

OPEN SPACE [illegible] **THE GOETHE-INSTITUT.** [illegible] **BRECHT-TUCHOLSKY EVENING.** [illegible] **FRANK WEDEKIND** [illegible]

OPEN SPACE. [illegible] **ARTAUD AT RODEZ** by [illegible]

PALACE. [illegible] **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**

PALLADIUM. 01-437 7373. Dec 17 at 7.0. Mats. daily 2.15 and 7.30 **LULU, RON MOODY** **RACHEL GURNEY** in **PETER PAN**

PHOENIX. 836 [illegible] **WINNIE THE POOH.** [illegible] until December 13. [illegible]

PICCADILLY. [illegible] **ROYAL VARIETY HIT SHOW** **KWA ZULU** [illegible] Booking to Feb. 1976

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THEATRES

YOUNG VIC STUDIO. [illegible] **THE ARCHITECT & THE EMPEROR OF ASSYRIA.** [illegible]

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ACADEMY THREE [illegible] **LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS** [illegible]

COLUMBIA. Shaftesbury Ave. [illegible] **CONFESSIONS OF A WINDOW CLEANER** [illegible] **BLAZING SADDLES** (AA). [illegible]

CURZON. Curzon St., W.1. [illegible] **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS** (U). [illegible]

DOMINION. [illegible] **ROLLERBALL** (AA) [illegible]

EMPIRE. Leicester Square. **ROOSTER COGBURN** [illegible]

GATE CINEMA. Notting Hill. [illegible] **FASSBINDER'S FOX** [illegible] **CISCO PIKE** [illegible] **PIKE & GUMSHOE.** [illegible]

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE. [illegible] **TOMMY** (AA). The Film Event of the Year. [illegible]

ODEON, HAYMARKET. [illegible] **LENNY** [illegible]

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PARIS PULLMAN. Sth. Ken. [illegible] **ENIGMA OF KASPAR HAUSER** (A). [illegible]

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PLAZA 1 & 2. Regent St., S.W.1. [illegible]
1 Glenda Jackson, Michael Caine, Helmut Berger, **THE ROMANTIC ENGLISHWOMAN** (AA). [illegible]
2 **GONE WITH THE WIND** (A). [illegible]

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THE ARTS

The trouble with Ivy

Omnibus
BBC 1

Michael Ratcliffe

“Trouble”, the voice of Grant Edgeworth was heard remarking to his cousin as the camera roamed through a golden English parkland, “is said to break down family reserve. Let us be on our guard lest it do just that”. The ominous subjunctives of Ivy Compton-Burnett's dialogue wing across the lawns and the dinner tables *like poisoned bullets. Often* they appear not to have hit their target at all, but when they do the result is permanently, if indecisively, fatal: that the victim can only die once is the cruellest fate of all.

Where did all this cruelty come from? *Miss Compton-*Burnett liked to pretend that she had led a very uneventful life before she began writing in earnest at the age of 40, but Hilary Spurling showed in her book *Ivy When Young* (1974) that so far from this being so, she had in fact sustained a series of shocks so great that by the middle of the First World War all the people she had deeply loved and cared for were *dead*. Whilst using different directors *Omnibus* has developed almost a house-style of relating the lives of writers to the events and characters in their work, and Mrs Spurling and Tristram Powell constructed the script of Mr Powell's film around Ivy's upbringing *and dramatization of scenes* from *A House and Its Head* (1935).

Newcomers to the perverted and malicious Compton-Burnett world would, I think, remain confused as to precisely how *she made use of her own experiences in the novels*, particularly when she herself had a benevolent father and the Head in *A House* is a bullying devil *who* makes Edward Moulton-Barrett look like Barrie's Mr Darling. But the *six* firmly scored lines with which she noted the section on “The Family” in her copy of *The Notebooks of Samuel Butler* do *hang a terrible tale on the air*, and Mr Powell directed the scenes from the novel with a sombre wit timed at a murderously deliberate pace. The cast, *particularly Celia Johnson*, Celia Bannerman and Ciaran Madden, missed no possible shades of meaning, and the unseen narrator, Beatrix Lehmann, could not be faulted. More Compton-Burnett on the box, please, quite straight next time, with Miss Lehmann taking part and directed by Mr Powell.

Celia Johnson and Roland Culver

Aquarius
London Weekend

Stanley Reynolds

Being the front man for an arts programme is, to lift a line from W. C. Fields, fraught with *eminent peril. It has created* a lot of casualties anyway. I suppose people who watch arts programmes have such definite tastes that the avuncular figures who host the programmes and seemingly em*brace all artistic creeds* will naturally become targets. The above is preparatory to a cruel thrust at Peter Hall, the *Aquarius* presenter, which Granada's Tony Wilson, himself an arts presenter, made on TV the other night. Speaking of Peter Hall, he called him “the Jess Yates of culture”. But Peter Hall is neither bland nor smarmy. It is merely the role he is cast in.

Anyway, I would *not* have liked to see Ben Travers set up only to be knocked down on *Aquarius*. Travers, 89, and with a new farce about to open in the West End, is a sweet old *man who is being clutched to* the national bosom right now because there is nothing the English love better than an old man who has lived a long time. I studied Ben Travers's face for some hint of the rat-like *cunning which must* lie behind those successful farces. There was only an impish light in his eyes. He told several good theatre stories. One about a bed scene in which an actor could not remember his lines and so Bobby Dunne, Clive Dunne's father, was posted under the bed to whisper the cues; and a frightening one about regularly being told on Monday at the Aldwych that he would have to re-write a play by Wednesday.

The second half of *Aquarius* was devoted to a rare happening: playwright Brian Clark creating a play for an amateur drama group in Abergavenny. The play was about the problems of being a border town, full of Celtic anger at the Sassenachs, and was performed on a Saturday afternoon last summer in Abergavenny's famous Butter Market. I really could make nothing out of the play but the singing was beautifully Welsh. We could, I think, have done in this item with a touch of stringent or questing journalism.

Kidnapped at Christmas
Shaw

Charles Lewsen

The home of the National Youth Theatre seems less and less the place to find serious thought on the purposes and possibilities of theatre for young people.

Take this shoddy piece by Willis Hall. Aimed at children *between six and 11, its villain* is a police officer who kidnaps his own son in order to have a quiet Christmas morning; its heroes are two convicts who, in the play's terms, have been rightfully imprisoned.

*Those terms are in fact un*clear. The play's nearest approach to imagination is an underground kitchen (eerily designed by Sue Plummer) in which custard and potato are *rendered* lumpy for *school* dinners; yet the two mums who have lost their sons are written with just enough realism—and, in the case of Julia McCarty, played with more than enough compassion—to make it a taste*less facetiousness that our sym*pathy is invited for men who are apparently guilty of mugging carol singers. I say “apparently” because Mr Hall offers his information so unclearly that I may have mis*taken our heroes' aspiration for* their actual accomplishment.

Although the action makes some of the audience receivers of stolen goods, I do not suggest that the play tends to corrupt; indeed I noted that the *audience enthusiastically* betrayed the convicts' whereabouts to the police, though most persuasively begged not to by Murray Melvin.

However, I do suggest that *Mr Hall fails to provide a* framework, imaginative or intellectual, within which even an 11-year-old can usefully confront the fallibility of adults in general or the corruption of the police in particular.

Therefore, though I am sorry she missed Mr Melvin, an actor of grace, resource, and authority enough to still a rumbustious audience simply through his capacity to imply that what is about to happen *is more exciting than what has* yet occurred. I really cannot regret that my hoped-for guest on Thursday afternoon was prevented from attending Mr Hall's play, as she had to rehearse her part as narrator *in her own school Christmas* concert.

London Orpheus Choir
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Thomas Walker

Heinrich Schütz's *Christmas Story*, with its long narration by recitative and fairly sparse *choral interpolations, is not the* easiest of baroque musical pillars to bring off in concert. That it *succeeded* as well as it did in Saturday's performance by the London Orpheus Choir owed much to the skill of the *soloists, and most of* all *to the* oratorical virtue of Peter Pears who, as the Evangelist, spun the principal thread.

Pears rightly avoided the temptation to treat Schütz's narration in the “get on with it” manner of operatic recitative, and just as rightly resisted the perhaps even stronger temptation to dwell on arguably insignificant detail; his was a dignified yet thoroughly dramatic reading. Ilse Wolf sang the angel's music with warmth and passion, and Rodney Macann *led Herod through the harassment of a pair of valve trum*pets.

The choir handled Schütz's elegant and vivid choral writing with a fair degree of energy, although in size composition and proficiency they *run little risk of being taken* for a seventeenth-century German *Kapelle*. I did not feel that James Gaddarn drew the most possible from his forces; he seemed to vacillate between letting the music roll along untroubled and indulging in the “choral conductor's syndrome” of unnecessary fiddling. Despite the presence of a harpsichord (not the obvious choice of continuo instrument here, I should have thought), the orchestra was composed and conducted along modern lines.

Bach's *Magnificat* in D again drew strong responses from Pears and Wolf; particularly effective was the duet “Et misericordia”, in which Pears had the company of John York Skinner, counter-tenor. The chorus, too, drove through the *work with undiminished force*. Careless releases, splattered pizzicatos and a subtle, indeed elusive, distinction between *piano* and *forte* in the orchestra may have reflected limitations of time and purse.

Spectres for our times

The Times Anthology of Ghost Stories

(*Cape*, £2.95)

It is as awkward to dogmatize about a ghost story as about a sense of humour. Fashions veer. A century ago some of the stories in this anthology would have seemed unfinished. Where was the obligatory phantom? Today good judges—Kingsley Amis, Patricia Highsmith and Christopher Lee among them—have been moved, shocked, impressed enough to choose the collected 13 from an entry of several thousands in *The Times* competition.

In reading any story of the kind it certainly helps if you have seen a ghost yourself, as I claim defiantly to have done. Often it can be hard to believe *in other people's* though James (M.R.), with that “intensely horrible face of crumpled linen”, must always hold my heart: and I keep a passion for Webster's circumstantial “Enter Ghost in his leather cassock and breeches, bootes, and coule; in his hand a pot of lilly flowers with a scull in't”.

Good: but inevitably the response must be strongly personal; what can distil some of us to jelly is a blank to our *neighbours. We make our local* rules. I have a built-in assurance that the best ghosts appear on a winter-bound Cornish cliff, or in Queen Anne houses that stand lonely about remoter East Anglia.

Here, at first, I was prejudiced against the winner, the sultry Floridian “The Doll Named Silvio”. Fighting tradition (and M. R. James) I have never been powerfully excited by dolls as protagonists—*another one appears in this* volume—but, speaking as a man who can hardly sit through the blinding of Gloucester, I found the end of the narrative less tingling than horrifying in the Guignol mode: call it a Florida red snapper. It is the atmospheric pressure that counts. Indeed, most of these stories are primarily atmospheric exercises, and Michael Kernan is undeniably gifted. Memories of his story may give me a nightmare or two; yet I shall prefer *to be haunted by the second* prize winner, Francis King's delicately judged “A Scent of Mimosa”, with its Katherine Mansfield implications. This is a small masterpiece.

Nothing in the book is what our distant forefathers would have demanded. Not a chain rattles; not a nun glides; no one arrives with head under arm. But the collection seldom moves across deliberately to the matter-of-fact, except — and *there we can be glad of it—in* John Stevens's “The Resident”: in spite of its old Hall in Norfolk and a reference to Count Magnus, it can be taken as a variation on Roderick Murgatroyd's “*We spectres are* a jollier crew than you perhaps suppose.”

Otherwise, apart from the comparably playful, if more complex “A Self-Possessed Woman” (Julian Barnes), which manages to fan out in the *imagination* from a flat in Baker Street, atmospherics are sovereign: it can be as rewarding to travel as to arrive. Paul Theroux is *particularly* apt with his Malaysian local colour in “Dengué Fever”; and Sir Laurence Grafftey-Smith's “The Locket”, from the Dordogne, may be a visitor in the small hours, though, as in Brian R. Hall's “The Sword of Frey”, its explanation can weigh too heavily.

Generally the book, diverse yet single-minded, touches the right nerves. I miss that “pot of lilly flowers with a scull”, but I shall not forget a rasping voice, a sound of coughing, and (in the single tale for children) the sparkling notes of a harpsichord. There the author, who has written under her married name—one that should summon every ghost to gaze—is Elizabeth LeFanu.

J. C. Trewin

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MONDAY BOOK

Making music the simple way

London Bach Orchestra
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stanley Sadie

To judge by the large, attentive and enthusiastic audience at Friday's concert, the programmes put on roughly once a month by Martindale Sidwell and his London Bach Orchestra meet a need. They are in no *way sensational*. It would be uncharitable to call the performances routine, or Mr Sidwell unperceptive; but clearly he prefers to make music in a simple and straightforward way, without trying to impress on us any specially personal view.

Such an approach may from time to time lead to blandness, to performances so lightly guided that they have little sense of direction. That was perhaps the case in the Bach items. To play in public such music as the six-part ricercar from *The Musical Offering* might be thought to imply that one held views about its interpretation; but Mr Sidwell's, if he has them, remain obscure, for any shaping of the music *was virtually imperceptible*.

In the virile music of the first Brandenburg a little more incisiveness would have been welcome: with all those busy semiquavers, it might have secured more cleanliness among the inner parts. And though the Adagio was enhanced by eloquent solo playing, especially from the oboe, as well as an uncommonly smooth bass line, it was singularly lacking in expressive intensity.

Mr Sidwell, I do not doubt, has a deep understanding of the structures of Bach's music; and I wish he would convey something of that understanding in his performances by controlling the tensions in a *way to help articulate the* musical design. Too often, it seemed, events came and went without finding any kind of reflection in rhythm or tempo or textures or dynamics.

That certainly applied to the E major violin concerto, where Jürgen Hess was the soloist, gentle and smooth but interpretatively reticent. The other soloist was John Wilbraham, whose brilliant and sweet-toned trumpet playing in a Telemann concerto injected a new vitality into things. This is not, to be sure, quite what Telemann would have expected: he wrote the music for a trumpet seven foot long, which must have sounded nobler and more bracing than Mr Wilbraham's rela*tive peashooter, for all the* latter's superior agility. Lastly, we had Mozart's Symphony No 29: there was some fluent and euphonious playing, but it all sounded a little abstract and non-committal and lacking in positive musical impulse.

Trinity Tales
BBC 2

Michael Ratcliffe

There can be few sights more alienating on television than people pretending to get drunk and singing comic songs. It has happened in every episode of *Trinity Tales* so far; this was the third, and the reason we are not alienated but rather charmed almost out of our minds is that even when Alan Plater's immensely inventive script takes on whimsy-fatigue or ideas above its station, a formidable team of instinctive players is there to kick it back to life.

The team members should be named first: Bill Maynard, Colin Farrell, John Stratton, Paul Copley, Gaye Brown and Susan Littler. Then the music: Alex Glasgow's brassy little signature tune, which sounds like a colliery prize band getting its tongues round a choice bit of Offenbach, is irresistible, the tonic of the season.

The intentions are Chaucerian, but the result is nearer *The Good Companions* than *The Canterbury Tales*, and none the worse for that. Six Rugby League supporters, no connexion with Colin Welland's recent series save a shared belief that life begins at Bawtry (if you're coming from the south), are driving to Wembley and telling stories as they go or, more usually, stop for a pint. Each member of the gang, plus Eric the Prologue (Francis Matthews) plays a part, sometimes small, sometimes large, in each of the tales, retaining their essential humours of innocence, cowardice, lust, deviousness, greed and simplicity in each play.

On Friday it was the turn of The Judy (Miss Littler), who told how her favours were fought for in a public house back home by a kind of taproom pentathlon, darts, armwrestling, dominoes, cribbage, pitch and toss, shove halfpenny, wet poems and rude songs, which ended with a play-off in which the by-now stoned competitors had to eat as many hot pies as possible in 10 minutes. First one to throw up was disqualified. It was raucous and went on too long; the first two Tales had been surer of touch.

But Mr Plater and his director, Michael Simpson, throw off more ideas in one evening than most comic series in a season and The Judy was telling her tale in a public house somewhere east of Birmingham to prevent the lugubrious publican from doing away with himself for want of any custom and no company beyond that of his stuffed goldfish, the vertically floating Peggy. He was a marvellous creation, a gentle and battered Black Country ghoul played by an actor new to me, Peter Benson.

Some of the writing remains a bit twee and the burden of tweeness falls chiefly on Mr Matthews as the “poetic” outsider. Mr Matthews is wonderfully liberated from his lounge-suit role in this series, but he remains a straight actor playing character roles. The others are character actors playing straight roles, and that is another thing entirely.

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EMI is to give a £1,000 travel scholarship to a young British classical musician in the year 1976. The award, to be known as the EMI Scholarship, will be donated through the scheme started last year by the Royal Society of Arts. Young professional string players are invited to take part, and the finalists will be auditioned by a panel of judges, including *artists and others distinguished* in the world of international classical music. The auditions will take place in March and April.

Application forms and further information are available from the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, Adelphi, London WC2N 6EZ.

Sullivan's other side

Joseph Pilbery will conduct the New Westminster Philharmonic Orchestra at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Wednesday in a concert entitled *The Other Side of Sullivan*.

The programme includes the Overture *Macbeth*, the Prologue from *The Golden Legend*, which in its time, 100 years ago, received tremendous ovations, and *The Tempest* incidental music written when Sullivan was only 18. There will also be the Festival *Te Deum* in what may be its first performance for nearly 100 years; this work includes the hymn tune “O God, our Help in Ages Past”.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from later editions on Friday and Saturday.

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The Crossman Diaries: A plain man's guide to the political jungle

It seems quite suitable that the late Richard Crossman, who was enchanted by *The Marriage of Figaro* and *Der Rosenkavalier* and expressed a not entirely frivolous wish to be made a director of Covent Garden in order to attend the Royal Opera House three times a week, should have fallen asleep at a performance of *The Magic Flute*. High-mindedness was not his scene.

He was a man of swift, impulsive instinct—a politician, a journalist and a don—and when he looked forward to ministerial office in a Wilson Administration, it was partly because he had been studying Bagehot and wanted to experience and write about the workings of Cabinet Government at first hand: *The Diaries of a Cabinet Minister* were in his mind from the start, and he began dictating at his North Oxfordshire farm the weekend following his appointment as Minister of Housing and Local Government in October, 1964. He painfully discovered two things: that he knew nothing whatever about housing or local government (which was perhaps no surprise to him) and that his ministry had no effective influence in the Cabinet (which was).

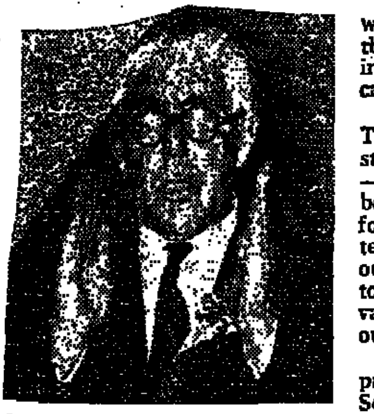
Government was conducted by Cabinet committees—Crossman was on only two—and still more by the central triumvirate of Messrs Callaghan, Brown and Wilson, the first two kept skilfully from each other's throats by the third. (Is it too soon to believe the simplicity of that interpretation unquestioningly?)

Crossman's potentially rebellious curiosity in the process of decision-making—he began to gather support from his colleagues in the Government—clearly led Mr Wilson to pull him inside, making him Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, with the right to sit on *all* Cabinet committees. That took care of him.

The ministry lost no time in sighing with noisy relief, and pointing out to its retiring chief that it was doing so. Crossman's way of learning the business had been that of a journalist, not a politician: he distrusted all advisers and determined to find out everything for himself. In addition, he was arrogant and disagreeable. He made everyone jump. (I'm told that the way to deal with the shouting was to shout back, though I expect that depended who you were.) And he worked very hard indeed.

He enjoyed himself. He could hardly bear to make a difficult planning decision—Ullswater, Bath, Stoke, Houghton-le-Spring, Plymstock or the Packington Estate—without personally inspecting the site, and there was hardly a major local authority in the country which he did not visit at least once during his 22 months in office. One of the minor attractions of the *Diaries* is the fast and sensitive way he understands the people and problems of each. He was exhilarated by these visits. He adored travelling by train, particularly the slow journeys (Hull, Llandudno), and he enjoyed the permanent use of a limousine which enabled him to reach his family for a few hours from most corners of England and to take his young children to the circus in style. He writes of such things simply and well.

The Diaries of a Cabinet Minister covers in unprecedented detail events that took



Crossman: Enjoying himself.

place only nine, 10 or 11 years ago. They will embarrass to greater or lesser degree Crossman's ex-colleagues in the ministry and every member of the first two Wilson Cabinets. But they will not tell them anything they did not know at the time or the rest of us anything we have not a right to know now.

They are not, however, as indiscreet and complacent as *The Cecil King Diary* for the same period; nor is this, as you might have imagined from the hearings or the serialization, a destructive or frivolous book at all. Not even on the day when the Minister of Housing and Local Government discovers his Leader eating kippers in bed and his wife calling him "that man" after a painful piece of electioneering the night before: ". . . he was enormously elated by the Birmingham meeting and told me with great excitement the story of how Mary had got a scratch on her neck when something had been thrown at her. Should we give that to the press, he pondered, and finally concluded that we should. When I asked him why, he said: 'Well, you see, the Tories are deliberately leaving her out of the campaign because Heath has no wife.'"

Contemptible on all counts. There is no reason why such stories should be kept from us—the more we know we are being manipulated the better for our political health and intelligence—and it is entirely in our interest to know from time to time the kind of advice servants give and how inflexibly our politicians can behave.

I don't think the *Diaries* prove that the role of the Civil Service is inherently repressive, but rather that an intelligent official will administer intelligently and an unimaginative one without imagination. Crossman was surely something of a special case: so restless an energizer could never work well with a supreme state-servant like Dame Evelyn Sharp. It must have been hell for both Minister and permanent secretary at the time, and messy, too, like trying to put out several fires at once, but it reads now as a classic confrontation, with plenty going for both sides. Crossman's portrait of Baroness Sharp is rather moving and does her great credit.

The fact is that, as a literary record, as a *book*, the *Diaries* are a triumphant success, and will be read with horrified attention when other, more portentous, recollections have been submitted to compulsory pulping. The language is temperate, the analysis shrewd, the judgment generous. There is no ranting, no rhetoric. Crossman is rightly modest on his positive achievements—a good Rent Act, a Royal Commission on Local Government, a *Ford-funded* Centre for Environmental Studies, but hopelessly low housing figures—and as unsparing with his own failures as with those of others.

Six hundred and thirty-one pages for 22 months hammering at the ministerial gates of real Cabinet power? Volume One of the *Diaries* is too long, too detailed in the early stages (housing is housing) and, though far better written than most dictated memoirs, still rather prolix and conversational when compared to Crossman's terseness in the *New Statesman* and *The Times*.

The scale at least allows him to map out the widest territory of political undergrowth and to indicate the variety of conflicting interests permanently in combat therein: Government versus Party (serious only when the majority leaped from three to 97 in March, 1966); Citizen versus Minister (tempting to permit in Banbury what is forbidden for Peterborough); Minister versus Member (closure of Armstrong-Whitworth in Coventry East) and above all the major time-honoured engagements: Cabinet versus Prime Minister and Westminster versus Whitehall.

He concludes that Mr Wilson was not attempting any kind of Presidential Office at this stage and that Parliament has no real control over its supposedly responsible ministers. It cannot be said that he studies these political beasts very profoundly but on scores of occasions he points them out in the jungle as they pad implacably by.

Michael Ratcliffe

The Diaries of a Cabinet Minister. Volume One: Minister of Housing, 1964-66, by Richard Crossman (Hamish Hamilton/Cape, £7.95).

Why Angola needs western aid in the fight for stability

> Dr Savimbi believes that South Africa's force of arms could have won the war in three weeks

Wednesday, December 3, was an important day in the continuing saga of Angola's struggle for stability. In the former governor's palace in Huambo, the Secretaries General of UNITA and FNLA, Mr Miguel N'Zau Puna and Mr Daniel Chipenda, respectively declared the inauguration of a coalition government for the Social Democratic Republic of Angola. The ministers were chosen from FNLA and UNITA and each provided a Prime Minister who would rule on alternate months. Elections would be held as soon as MPLA agreed to conform or was defeated in battle.

This step is a major success for Dr Jonas Savimbi, the Swiss-educated leader of the pro-western UNITA party. Dr Savimbi has always advocated a solution reached through negotiation and elections, as opposed to one reached through force of arms. He represents four million of Angola's five million inhabitants. He was bitterly opposed to the white Angolan exodus in late July this year which turned into a stampede, and denuded Angola of much of its technical expertise. Now Dr Savimbi would like to see a return of the Angolans who fled: he favours free enterprise, seeing in it the means to realize Angola's vast potential in natural resources and industry. His form of socialism does not preclude but rather encourages the participation of western companies.

The FNLA is backed mainly by Zaire, which sent 5,000 troops to help. President Mobutu of Zaire sees a chance to regain the former Bakango Empire which encompassed northern Angola and Zaire. Desertion is rife among the FNLA army and inefficiency the norm. On November 9, when FNLA was poised to attack Luanda, its soldiers loaded a double charge into an American field gun and blew it up, killing 38 of their men. The Chinese, who formerly gave aid and advice to FNLA, have pulled out and United States advisers, who worked in some cases side by side with the Chinese, are expected to undergo a change of heart.

UNITA's most organized enemy is MPLA, which represents no more than half a million Angolans but has the benefit of Russian and Cuban aid. At one point 12 Soviet ships were in Luanda harbour unloading material; Russian-made amphibious tanks have been captured: UNITA leaders calculate that 400 Russian technicians are with MPLA, along with 3,000 Cuban regulars.

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The wrong way to put a price on defence

It is, as Dr Roget observed in the Introduction to his *Thesaurus*, of the utmost consequence that strict accuracy should regulate our use of language and that everyone should acquire the power and habit of expressing his thoughts with perspicuity and correctness. This is especially important in the field of national security and military affairs, where confused jargon and specious phraseology tend to cloud issues and to inhibit rational decision making.

It requires no clairvoyant powers to be reasonably certain that when the Cabinet meets later this week to continue its *deliberations on military* spending, the air will be thick not only with the smoke of pipes and panatellas; but with such arcane concepts as offset agreements, air defence variants, and specialized reinforcement capabilities. The result is likely to be, if previous experience of what passes for military planning in this country is any guide, that decisions of profound importance will be couched in language which effectively conceals both cause and effect. It would be foolish to expect to dispel completely at this late hour the apathy and failure of comprehension which characterizes discussion about defence in the higher political echelons.

Nevertheless, I believe that the safety of this country and of its people should be the very first charge on our resources and a matter of the very highest priority among those who are elected to conduct our affairs. I believe that that safety is about to be put at risk, and I would like to explain why.

Earlier this year the Government issued a Defence White Paper, after a comprehensive review of defence spending, in which it set out its plans for saving £4,700m over a period of 10 years. One of the most important factors in the whole complicated equation was the advice of the Chiefs of Staff—the Government's professional military advisers—on what is known in the trade as "critical level"—in plain English the level below which the armed forces cease to be able to discharge their functions effectively.

Their advice at the time of the review was that this level had been reached. Indeed when the Defence sub-committee of the House of Commons Expenditure Committee examined the proposals in March of this year, after taking evidence from Ministry of Defence officials, they expressed concern about "the services' ability to react speedily and effectively to unforeseen events", and went on to comment that "the proposed changes may therefore have a harmful effect on morale and on recruitment generally". As this sub-committee includes most of the pathetically small band of MPs who know anything at all about defence, it might reasonably be expected that the Government would take some note of their opinions, and take serious account of their clearly stated warning that "it is damaging to create the public impression that defence can be a recurrent and easy source of short-term economies in public expenditure".

It is, however, clear that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by some of the more left-wing members of the Cabinet, intends to put other considerations first. With all the authority of his six years as Secretary of State for Defence, he is now proposing that, as part of the cuts in public spending to be announced in January, the defence budget should be further reduced by a very substantial amount—at least a further £1,000m over and above the reductions planned in the *Defence Review for 1977-80*.

It is, in passing, not entirely irrelevant to remark that this is precisely the figure mentioned in recent demands which have emanated from left-wing publicists and politicians. It is important, before any irrevocable decision is taken, to be quite clear exactly what such a further reduction in defence spending will mean. In the first place it will mean that the size of the armed forces will have to be further reduced—presumably below the critical level recommended by the Chiefs of Staff last year. It will, however, not be possible to save the amount now demanded by Mr Healey by that means alone.

There will also have to be cancellations of equipment programmes. Almost certainly at least one of the planned three through-deck carriers will have to be dispensed with together with some other surface ships of the Royal Navy. The strategic nuclear capability will probably have to be phased out instead of being kept up to date—a possibility which, whatever may be the strategic arguments, will certainly have a disconcerting effect upon the Royal Navy. The planning requirement for the Multi-Role Combat Aircraft will have to be reduced; and finally there will have to be another bitter wrangle with the Germans when the question of support costs for the British Army of the Rhine comes up again at the beginning of next year.

The effects of all this can scarcely be exaggerated. In the first place the morale of the armed forces, already severely shaken by the recent Defence Review, will be dealt a savage blow from which it will recover only with the greatest difficulty. The effect on our Nato allies will be, to say the very least, deplorable. They are already concerned about the credibility of the British contribution to the defence of Western Europe and their patience with Britain has been worn paper thin by the recent posturings at the conference in Rome.

If, as a result of further drastic cuts in defence spending, the British Government not only has to announce that it will be reducing the level of its forces, but also that it will be throwing into question the Multi-Role Combat Aircraft, one of the few joint procurement projects which shows any promise of success, and on top of that asking the Germans to pay more money for the privilege of housing a British Army of ever-decreasing effectiveness, the strains on the already precarious cohesion of the Alliance will be enormous. Quite apart from all this there are such important considerations as the ability of the army to conduct a successful campaign against the terrorists of Northern Ireland.

It is difficult to see how the Chiefs of Staff can possibly *accept the implications of* what is now proposed; and one can only hope that they have made clear to Mr Mason, the Defence Minister, that if Mr Healey's proposals are endorsed by the Government, they will resign in a body. Mr Mason himself could scarcely continue as Minister of Defence if his views, which are well known, were so contemptuously ignored.

The main hope that reason will prevail lies in the fact that the Prime Minister is known to believe that the Chancellor's demands are unreasonable. He knows, as well as anyone in the Cabinet, the appalling effects which further defence cuts of this magnitude would have on foreign policy, at a time when Britain needs all the support it can get from its friends in the Western Alliance.

He knows something else, too, which may have escaped those of his colleagues who lack his political sensitivity. It is that, for the first time, defence may become a real political issue. In the past Labour voters have regarded the whole business of defence with a mixture of apathy and distaste. Frequent attempts on the part of the *Conservative Party to make* defence an electoral issue have failed to make the slightest impression. If it now becomes clear that the Government is determined to take steps which will cause grave and irretrievable *damage to our national* security, all this will change. For this is no longer an argument about military abstractions; it is a question of whether Britain is to be deprived of its already exiguous ability to defend itself effectively and to make a worthwhile contribution to the defence of the West.

As the Expenditure Committee of the House of Commons made clear in its report on the Defence Review, the frequently quoted figures seeking to demonstrate that Britain devotes a higher percentage of its gross national product to defence than its major European allies are totally irrelevant and misleading, if only because Britain's gross national product is, in fact, lamentably smaller than that of either France or Germany. On the really important calculation—namely defence expenditure per head of population—Britain trails well behind its principal allies.

It is indeed a sad reflection on the state which Britain has reached when those arguing for further cuts in military expenditure cite the example of such countries as Belgium and the *Netherlands* to make their point.

Unless the voice of reason prevails in this matter it is not too much to say that this country will have perpetuated an unprecedented and dangerous act of unilateral disarmament. The Government will, whether they like it or not, and whatever their motives, have done the work of the enemies of this country both outside and within. The Prime Minister might do worse than whisper into Mr Healey's ear the classic warning of Ernest Bevin when faced with a proposal which he *believed might damage the fabric* of the Western allies: If you open that Pandora's box you never know what Trojan 'orse will jump out.

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Bryan Magee

Diagnosing 'British sickness'

One of the most significant *changes taking place in Britain* today is a shift of income and power away from the traditional upper and middle classes and towards not the working class as such but that part of the working class which is unionized. (This is less than half, a fact which it is important to keep in mind.) An inevitable consequence of this, of course, is increasing upper and middle class resentment of the unions. So obviously is this in the logic of the situation that some people are inclined to take it for granted and shrug it aside. But it has now reached a degree *of intensity and bitterness. that make it probably the most divisive* emotion in our society.

There is something peculiarly unlovely about this hostility of the better off towards the less well off. It even leads some of them to deny that they *are* less well off—though it requires only minimal intellectual honesty and a pair of open eyes to see that people in management and the senior professions generally have, as a rule, levels of quality in their surroundings, living standards and styles of life which are altogether higher than the average trade unionist's. (And he, remember, is a lot better off than most of his *fellow workers.) Many* will argue that this is justified: but they cannot argue that it is not the case.

Obviously, when one is speaking of such large groups of people, there are bound to be exceptions to any rule. This enables some middle class people to structure a whole picture of working class life round extreme cases—the £150 pay packet, the parked Jaguar in the council house estate, the family visit to relations in Australia. If ever the politics of envy bore an ugly face, this is where it is to be seen.

The less well off are feared and resented precisely because, by improving their lot and narrowing the gap, they are eroding the identity of the middle class. This gives to middle class hatred of the unions the very special animus *of self-preservation.*

We tend to put horns and hooves on what we fear in this way, and greatly to exaggerate not only its substance but its power and malevolence. Thus a suitably demoniac view of the unions has become a common feature of the middle class outlook. Unions are frequently said to be running industry, and not infrequently said to be running the country.

In fact, of course, they run nothing at all, except themselves. Their power is a negative one, the power of veto. It has acquired immense significance *in* our *society, but it is still* a *long* way from running anything.

Management *still* manages—still takes the basic decisions on investment and finance, structure and organization, raw materials, work processes, marketing. And of these, work processes alone are the subject of extensive consultation with wage-earners. If the unions are unwilling to go along with a decision they have, increasingly, the power—and it is their only significant power—to bring the work process to a halt. So they have to be consulted, their cooperation and approval sought, as never before.

Critics forced to concede all this may say that, even so, the unions too often abuse the power they do have by withholding cooperation unreasonably—usually because they are regarding only their own interests and not those of the firm or organization (or country) as a whole. This is true. But the solution must surely lie in involving them more, not less, in the responsibilities and decisions of management. In fact this is, I believe, the only way forward for industrial relations in this country. For as standards of living—and, even more important in this context, standards of education—rise, people are bound to demand more and more say and status in their work organizations. This is also the way the unions are likely to be forced into de
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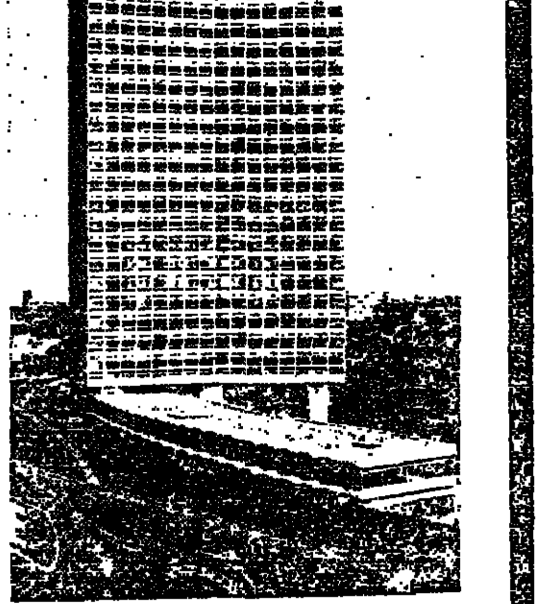

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It works in spite of all

Michael Leapman reports:

I suppose that one day it will be possible to come to Sydney without writing about the Opera House, but that time is not yet. The costly, controversial and quite extraordinary white building has become Australia's best-known landmark, and is likely to remain so.

The building is so large that nobody is quite sure where anyone else works. It took me about 20 minutes, walking round the enormous and highly mechanized backstage area, and past panels of twinkling lights which were part of the security system, before I found the office of Lloyd Martin, the deputy general manager.

I wanted to ask him, two years and a bit after the Queen formally opened it, and after many more years of squabbling about the details of the design, if the place was fulfilling its function as an arts centre for New South Wales. He replied: "Despite everything, it works." And when I returned in the evening to watch the Australian Ballet's rumbustious version of *The Merry Widow*, I could see that this was so.

The ballet and opera companies, the symphony orchestra and the subsidized theatre company are the most regular performers at the three main auditoria. The ballet were performing in the opera theatre which, as a result of heated haggling, is only the second largest hall, with 1,547 seats. The larger concert hall has 2,690 seats. That is sometimes used for opera but never for ballet because, says Martin, "There's no room off stage for the dancers to dance off to."

The opera theatre bears more scars than the other auditoria from the quarrels over the design. The 98 seats on the side walls are not sold for ballet performances, because the stage cannot be seen from them. For operas they are sold cheaply to people who just want to listen. And there are another 100 or so seats from which the view is extraordinarily bad in a newly designed theatre.

The orchestra pit is too small for the most ambitious operas, although there are plans to extend it, and although the acoustics are fine for opera, they are quite wrong for the spoken word, due to the different reverberation times needed for words and music. A staging of the play *Macbeth* there was disastrous, because it was difficult to grasp what the actors were saying.

The acoustics problem is worse in the concert hall, which is sometimes let for variety performances. "We've had Bette Davis, Roy Orbison and the Bee Gees", said Martin, "and Omar Sharif is bringing some sort of bridge tournament there. But it's very difficult when we have patter commedians. Sometimes you'd think they were speaking in a foreign language."

There is no convenient car park, either, because the trade unions refused to uproot an historic tree in the neighbouring Botanic garden to build it. Customers have to park in the city centre and take a 15-minute bus ride to the hall.

Yet, although imperfect, it is a marvellous place to go. In the intervals, audiences quaff sparkling Australian wine and look over the harbour. On the night I was there, a naval *supply ship was floodlit on one* side, the cruise ship Oriana was preparing to leave on the other, and, just beneath the harbour bridge, the art deco lights of Sydney's Luna Park glow spectacularly.

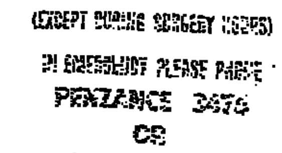
Few people nowadays complain about the cost, much of which was raised by a lottery. The look of the building is not to everyone's taste, although it is stunning from certain angles. The point is that it is there, and it works. The New South Wales authorities deserve credit for persevering with it through all the fights and extra cost. Eat your heart out, Edinburgh.

Crazy

A poignant story from the world of Australian business. One of the most popular commercials on Sydney television is for Nuford Motors, the city's largest Ford dealer. In them the owner of the company, Doug Fugger, talks of the "incredible, crazy deals" he is offering on his cars.

A window cleaner, overhearing Fugger explaining the deals to his bank manager, says: "You've got to be kidding" and he warns Fugger that *he will* go broke if he continues offering such generous terms to his customers.

Sadly, the window cleaner was right. Last week Nuford Motors went into receivership.



This sign, which R. M. Green of London photographed in St Ives, Cornwall, makes an unusually bold statement of the obvious.

Nostalgic

Robin Young continues his survey of small publishing houses with a look at a new venture which has just produced its first list:

Lemon Tree Press came into existence because Allen Synge, a freelance *advertising* consultant, had compiled an idiosyncratic anthology of foreign views of English cricket, and he wanted it published. The book, *Stranger's Gallery*, "was not a best seller, but it was not a loss" and by the time it was in the bookshops it had spawned an imprint and a series of books on what Synge calls "intelligent nostalgia".

"We do not aim to do just picture books, or nostalgia of the 'Old Squire, God bless him' sort", Synge says. "We like well-known authors or authorities to make intelligent comment about a chosen period of the past". Marjorie Proops on Jane Austen's women and George Begley on wartime advertising have been followed by H. R. F. Keating on yester'y's who-dunnits and Frank Norman on the English theatr
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USSIA'S AFRICAN VIETNAM?

u Soviet Union is now deeply 'olved in the war in Angola. is sending large numbers Cuban troops and modern apons to aid the Popular ıvement for the Liberation of gola (MPLA). It is also pro- ling conspicuous ideological l political support. So far it es not seem to have sent nbat troops of its own but its nmitment is now so open and complete that it must either sure victory for the MPLA or fer a conspicuous setback.

This must be generating diffi- ıt discussions in the Kremlin. ɔst of the evidence suggests ıt the Soviet leaders originally pected the MPLA to take over ickly after the Portuguese hdrawal and to set up a rernment that could claim ernational recognition. Any ɔsequent fighting with Soviet ns would then have been in name of legitimate authority ppressing rebellion. Instead Soviet Union finds itself cking a faction in a fluid war ainst two others which have rican as well as South African pport. Is this the Soviet ion's Vietnam, or is it the ting up of a beach head from ich Soviet influence will ead through West Africa and into the adjacent oceans?

The Soviet Union has sufficient wer available to ensure that MPLA could win military tories over much of Angolan ritory. It could use this power the practically certain know- lge that the Congress of the United States will not authorize a full American military commitment to the opposing forces of the FNLA and Unita. It can also assume that clandestine operations by the CIA will be curtailed by current Congressional investigations and the much-increased fear of exposure. It is well informed about politics in Washington and knows that for the moment there is little danger of direct confrontation with the United States in Angola. The aftermath of Vietnam, Watergate and Congressional investigations will take care of that.

Encouraged by these calculations and by its success in turning Somalia into a Soviet colony on the east coast of Africa the Soviet Union may yet decide that this is a war it must win. Mr Brezhnev is under pressure after a number of setbacks at home and abroad and he is sensitive to accusations that he is more interested in détente with the Americans than in extending Soviet influence around the world. He has said a great many times that détente does not mean the end of the ideological struggle or withholding support for "wars of liberation" (which is how the Angolan war is depicted) so he may now feel obliged to prove that he means what he says. He may also be under pressure to let his shiny new navy prove itself in extending Soviet power to a distant and strategically important area.

On the other hand, if Mr Brezhnev is getting balanced advice he must be weighing other considerations also. Angola is far larger and more complex than Somalia, and it is riven by tribal and religious rivalries. The Portuguese never pacified it completely, so Soviet colonialists might do no better. It is certainly possible that once the opposing forces realized they were up against overwhelming power and total determination they would melt away, but it is also possible that fighting would continue indefinitely in different parts of the country, that the economy would need expensive and prolonged help, and that more and more Africans in Angola and in the neighbouring countries would react against Soviet colonialism. The Russians have frequently shown themselves clumsy in dealing with African psychology and African problems (the Chinese are much better) so the brief political advantage which the MPLA has received from the reaction to the open commitment of the South Africans on the other side could easily be squandered. Soviet arms could conquer Angola in the name of the MPLA but whether they could rule it for long is another question.

Nor can Mr Brezhnev afford to put détente with America too low on his list of priorities. While the Soviet Union may see support for wars of liberation as compatible with détente Dr Kissinger does not, and has said so very clearly, most notably in his speech to the Economic Club in Detroit on November 25. For this he has public and Congressional support. If Mr Brezhnev decides to establish a colony in Angola he must not be surprised if Americans become less interested in selling him the wheat and computers he so badly needs.

IR KEITH AND THE COMMON GROUND

Keith Joseph returned over weekend to his theme of the mmon ground with the inten- n both of making the idea elf more comprehensible and providing further illustrations how it could be applied to ıtemporary British politics. ere are some, including some his own colleagues, who con- er the distinction between the ddle and the common ground politics to be no more than exercise in semantics. It is tentially much more than that. e middle ground is defined by itting the difference between main parties. Whoever can cupy the middle ground be- een them forces his opponent vards extremes. That is a good scription for winning elec- ns and has its advantages for ing a country like Britain with instinctive preference for nfortable policies, and politi- ns. But if one party lurches rply to the left, or another ually sharply to the right, that change the location of the ddle ground without any corre- nding change in public inion.

The common ground, on the ıer hand, has nothing to do h finding a mid-point between parties. It is determined by attitude of the public and the pressure of events. It is ground which all parties over a period of time are forced to occupy, or at least not to challenge, whatever their own instinctive preferences might be. In saying that "the common ground is what can be shared by politicians with the people" Sir Keith was exaggerating the extent to which the middle ground could be defined without reference to public opinion. In deciding upon their own policies—which in turn determine the middle ground—the parties do have to take some account of the electorate. Yet it does happen that the parties get so locked in their own battles that the differences between them do not reflect attitudes in the public at large.

The coming of independent television was a case in point. This was certainly not a policy of the middle ground. It was passionately resisted. Yet once it was in operation the attitude of the general public made it unthinkable for any future government to restore the BBC monopoly. Much the same could be said of the first restrictions on Commonwealth immigration under the 1962 Act. Sir Keith has now added a few further candidates for the common ground—the evil of make-work, "the subsidized employment of labour for its own sake divorced from its economic function"; more realistic calculation of the true rate of unemployment; recognition of the essential need for good profits; housing policies based on economic logic; a more rigorous approach to law and order.

A feature of all these examples is that none of them requires any concession by Sir Keith himself, which raises a doubt as to how his exercise is to be interpreted. Has he done more than draw a theoretical distinction of value to the student of politics rather than the practising politician? If he has, then the discipline of the common ground must apply to all parties. It is not enough to proclaim that the march of events calls Labour to repentance. Otherwise he may be thought to have done no more than hit upon an ingenious device for justifying to his party policies which he is currently advocating.

There is substance in the examples chosen by Sir Keith. But if he wishes the doctrine of the common ground to become a new lodestar for the conduct of British politics he must spell out the obligations it imposes on Conservatives. It must do more than release them from the need to pursue the middle ground. It should mean that their own policies should be of a kind to stand a good chance of obtaining such general acceptance after they had been implemented that a later Labour government would be forced to accept them—not a small obligation on an opposition party seeking to reduce the role of the state and the extent of public spending.

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t Tuesday the House of Com- ns debated on second reading at may be fairly and untenden- ısly described as an unprece- ıted Bill: unprecedented because one stroke it sets out to ionalize five separate aviation l shipbuilding industries, includ- one or two which in private ıds have proved to be among the ıntry's most consistent export formers. The Bill is one of the lings of a Government that took ver on the votes of only 28 per ıt of the total electorate, and all Opposition parties in the House ided against its second reading. ter six hours and half of asymp- ic argument, the Government ried the day with a majority of votes.

n all conscience, it had promised be the occasion for another of se historic post-1945 collisions ween the nationalizers and the ted forces of private enterprise l economic freedom. Surely one liamentary day would not be ough to satisfy the hunger for ument. as Mr Michael Heseltine nplained in the best speech he s made from the despatch box in position. And as the Speaker rned the House at the outset, re than 40 backbenchers had gistered with him their zeal to eak. But all that came at the ginning of the debate.

At the end, immediately before division, Mr Heseltine com- ined again that no senior minis- , other than the Bill's begetter inheritor), Mr Eric Varley, had en present on the Treasury bench take an interest; and Mr Gerald Kaufman, now elevated to a ministership of state, unkindly retorted how hard put the Conservatives had been to drum up attendance for one day's debate, because at one point "there were only three Tory backbenchers present in the Chamber to oppose the passage of this revolutionary measure".

Mr Kaufman had hit upon the point that had most surprised some representatives of the aircraft and shipbuilding industries who were sitting, tortured, in the galleries to hear the worst from the Government and the best from the Opposition, although if he had turned his head he would not have levelled his charge of absenteeism from the debate only at the Conservative side. In fact, for long spells between the opening and closing speeches from the two front benches the debate was being followed by only thin platoons of backbenchers, most of whom were waiting their turn on the Speaker's roster.

If the aircraft manufacturers and the shipbuilders were scandalized as they looked down on rows of vacant benches while the industries they had created were being driven (as they think into the knacker's yard of nationalization, they had cause. What had Labour and Conservative backbenchers better to do on Tuesday evening that kept them away for so long from a political question of such high importance? Why did the backbenchers appear to act, in choosing absence, as though the simple publication of a Government Bill accomplishes a statute and brings to an end all serious hope that opinions or votes may be changed by argument?

These, I am afraid, are nowadays naive questions, and the fault does not lie mainly with backbenchers. Nearly all the conclusions of the House of Commons are foregone; it is less and less, except on conscience issues like abortion law reform and hanging, a Chamber where minds are open and votes are free. Backbenchers increasingly address the House so that they may be heard by another audience outside, simply because they know that the audience they are immediately addressing has been set like jelly in a mould. They have their whipping orders to tell them what to do, and unless there is a direct constituency interest it ceases to be important what they say or whether they speak at all.

We are in a day when backbenchers have to move in at a much earlier stage than the Chamber of the House to have any hope of influencing policy, and they know it. They must be active, as they were last Tuesday evening, in party committees on the committee floor, caballing to win acceptance for their ideas, of advancing their prospects, say, of winning power on the Labour national executive committee. They must be in private corners of the House making their alliances to raise somebody up or bring somebody down, rather than listening to the speeches of backbenchers that they believe they could have made better themselves.

Nor does it help to hold a full House in the Chamber when Speakers keep rosters of backbenchers who want to speak. That way lies the death of genuine debate. It would be better if all backbenchers were kept on tenterhooks whether they were likely to be seen and called, and then it is possible that they would sit in with a chance and become involved in the argument. But it has to be admitted that the roster system allowed the Chair last Tuesday to compress the exceptionally high figure of 23 backbench speeches into a few hours of debate, with half of them mercifully lasting only 10 minutes or under. If only most of them had enjoyed a real audience, instead of a handful of other backbenchers who were impatiently waiting to speak themselves.

Perhaps the best answer of all to backbench absenteeism from the benches is a televised House. No senior party manager on either side could permit his benches to be shown empty for hours at a time during the discussion of a controversial Bill of the first importance. It would become their interest not only to bring home full numbers in the division lobby but also to maintain a House. That may be what they mean when they say that televised proceedings would alter the character of the Chamber.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The State and the individual

From the General Secretary of the Confederation of Employee Organisations.

Sir, The exchange of insults between yourself and Michael Foot should not detract from the substance of your important leading article (December 2).

The state is being organized on a corporate and not an individualist basis. The rights of corporations are preferred to the rights of individuals. The conditions have been created during the 30 years since the war where very few people have great economic and social power.

The larger industrial corporations have formed as a result of the socialist policy of nationalization and the capitalist policy of economic rationalization. Many aspects of industrial policy are discussed by government with the boards of large industrial corporations. For ease of communication in a complex world, the fewer the better for any government. So, too, for trade unions. In order to influence industrial policy they have very few large employers to convince. Once that is done, the combined weight of a few unions and a few employers can put the screws on the Government.

The individual is excluded in two ways. His vote at general elections is less powerful because of the intervention of industrial "barons" who have more resources at their disposal and are more powerful than Members of Parliament or the House of Lords. His influence at work is non-existent at the point where decisions are taken by his employers.

It is the same triangle of the corporate power of employers, unions and government which has slowed down moves towards industrial democracy. The employers talk about consultative participation which leaves decisions to them. Participation is not democracy. Unions fight shy of one man, one vote, at the level of the enterprise. The status quo leaves power in corporate hands and excludes individuals.

The recent and accelerated implementation of closed-shop agreements, as you have rightly pointed out, highlights the corporate suppression of individual liberty. Individual contracts of employment are changed by corporations. Individuals are sacked for failure to comply with the new contract. The intention of the notorious "Press Bill" is to deprive them of compensation. The law will even require religious objectors to expose their deepest beliefs to an industrial tribunal in order to achieve compensation. The payment of six weeks' unemployment benefit is uncertain.

Any man who dares to act upon normal ideas about the human rights to join, not to join or to resign from any organization which is legally, morally and socially acceptable, like a trade union, will experience the fierce heat and heavy weight of legislation which unleashes corporate power against him.

The implications of this political trend are too serious for insults. Sober consideration of your leader could release a corporate tolerance and compassion for individuals which would do much to heal the wounded body of politics in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL NICOLSON,
General Secretary,
Confederation of Employee Organisations,
69b High Street,
Harpenden,
Hertfordshire,
December 5.

From Mr David Hough

Sir, One theory often expressed over recent years as a contributing factor to our economic failures and industrial strife, is the abundance of small trade unions and their inter-union squabbles and disruptions. This has been compared to the state of affairs of a successful nation such as West Germany, where unions are remarkably few in number, more equal in membership and possessed of a greater uniformity in rules.

Now, if the causes of the Ferrybridge controversy are really genuine efforts towards achieving such a desirable situation here—Bravo Mr Foot! Bravo the National Insurance Office!

Yours sincerely.
DAVID HOUGH,
3 Chestnut Close,
Copthorne,
Shrewsbury, Salop.
December 4.

Devolution debate

From the Chairman of the Scottish Daily Record and Sunday Mail Ltd

Sir, In *The Times* of Friday (December 5) Tory MP Malcolm Rifkind attacks the editorial integrity of some Scottish newspapers including the *Daily Record*. He makes the unfounded allegation that the *Record* has encouraged the Scottish electorate to vote for the Scottish National Party.

The political policy of the *Daily Record* was declared openly before the last two general elections. We gave our support to Labour. In February, 1974, our page one election day message was: "Vote Labour for Scotland's Tomorrow." In October it was: "Vote Labour for a United Kingdom." We have constantly warned of the perils of separatism.

The *Record* is not rigidly tied to any political party. We have been open in stating our political philosophy, and have not changed our views since the last general election. What we have done recently is to reflect the widespread feeling in Scotland on devolution.

I must congratulate *The Times* on having the good sense not to report the key phrase of Mr Rifkind's speech. He compared support for the Nationalists in Scotland with support for the Nazis in Germany. On a previous occasion he blamed the SNP for encouraging Scottish bombers. Up here we do not take this young man too seriously.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK A. WEBSTER,
Chairman, Scottish Daily Record and Sunday Mail Ltd,
Anderston Quay,
Glasgow.
December 5.

Postal services for the millions

From Mr Charles H. Gibbs-Smith

Sir, On the day you published Mr Jackson's letter, I overheard part of a tea-room conversation about posts and telephones, in which one elderly man said, "You see, we can't communicate properly any longer". This remark brought home to me, as never before, how unjust and wrong-headed it is for the Post Office not to be fully subsidized by the Government; because we are indeed seeing free everyday human communication priced out of reach for millions.

The Post Office should be treated as one of the major social services, because that is what it is, has always been, and always will be. The optimum number and kinds of postal and telephonic services should be decided upon, and then the price of each lowered to within the reach of everybody.

There are very few of our now heavily subsidized social services which could lay claim to a higher priority than the Post Office. To be able to communicate freely and widely with our fellow men and women seems to me one of the most basic and legitimate rights in modern civilization, which it ought to be the responsibility of every government to ensure, no matter what the cost. Let the Post Office charge highly for its frills and luxuries, but let ordinary posts and telephones be reduced to a purely nominal sum for everyone in the country.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES H. GIBBS-SMITH,
c/o The Royal Aeronautical Society,
4 Hamilton Place, W1.
December 5.

From Mr Norman Crosby

Sir, The letters of the General Secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers and the Managing Director, Posts (December 4 and 5), only serve to hide their respective responsibilities for the decline of the postal service.

Union policies since the war have steadily increased costs and reduced productivity. The immense and disproportionate staff cost, direct and indirect, of the second delivery has been known to both Union and management for years. The Union has always bitterly opposed its abolition because of the drop in Union membership and power which would result. Management has, with its customary weakness, connived at the maintenance of an expensive delivery which brings little public benefit.

In the negotiations leading up to the introduction of the "two-tier" service in 1968 the Union, while disliking the two-tier proposals, was persuaded to agree by its fear, encouraged by administrative hints, that the alternative was a single daily delivery. In fact only the principal local management union, the Association of Head Postmasters, of which I was then President, had the foresight and courage to breach the customary unanimity of the Union-dominated National Staff Side and refuse agreement to the two-tier service. Its forebodings that this service by increasing costs and reducing the quality of service would begin an irreversible decline of the postal service have been sadly justified.

Clearly the grossly uneconomic second delivery must and will go but nearly a decade too late. Though too much of the lost postal traffic has gone for good something of a postal service could still be salvaged if both the Union and management would reverse their long-standing policies. That of the Union has been to seek ever less work for more money and therefore to oppose all management efforts to improve productivity. The management, instead of giving real man management leadership in an industry where direct basic manpower costs are and will remain over 70 per cent of all expenditure, has abdicated that leadership in favour of the Union. Instead it has grossly inflated and complicated regional and headquarter management systems which hamper rather than help grass root productivity at local level. It has spent millions on these systems and wasted further millions in abortive 10-year-long preparations for a mechanization system which will increase costs still further, reduce service standards, and impose on the public a burdensome addition to plain postal addresses.

Constructive change requires, in the first place, a drastic replacement of most of the present top management.

Yours faithfully,
N. CROSBY,
The Priory,
Dawlish,
Devon.
December 5.

From Mr W. S. Bristowe

Sir, Argument for and against some particular course of action is often inconclusive because it gives little evidence of the majority viewpoint. Mr Tom Jackson argues that the second postal delivery should not be eliminated whereas I and several people I have consulted locally take the opposite view.

Here in the country we have two deliveries of post by car to our houses and two separate collections from all scattered post boxes. If this service were reduced to one delivery and one collection we would scarcely notice it. The economy would be considerable and if this contributed to a reduction in postage rates or even prevented further increases I am reasonably sure how most people in country districts would vote.

In my own case I receive about 30 letters every week by the morning delivery and sometimes one or none by the second delivery.

Yours faithfully,
W. S. BRISTOWE,
Whatlington,
Battle,
Sussex.
December 4.

Community Land Act

From Mr Clifford Dann

Sir, Public understanding of the important Community Land Act will not have been helped by your Planning Reporter, John Young, whose usual high standard of accuracy has slipped in the past two days.

In his article of your special report on December 1, Mr Young said that the Act "is not yet the law of the land, since its provisions will not take effect until . . . the Second Appointed Day . . . up to 10 years away". In fact, the Act is very much the law of the land now. Some of its provisions are already in effect; many others will come into effect on April 6, 1976, which is the "First Appointed Day".

Curiously, Mr Young seems to have made a diametrically opposite mistake in his article in December 2's issue. There he says that from April 6, 1976, "councils will have the power to acquire land for development at existing use value". That is not the case. As from that date, the basis of compensation will be market value (although it is proposed that tax be deducted), until the Second Appointed Day which may well be up to 10 years hence. When that time comes, compensation will still reflect the value of certain development rights in some instances.

As from April 6 next year, authorities will assume new and far-reaching duties; they will be armed with greater powers; and at any time the Secretary of State may decide to make Orders whereby development of certain categories in specific areas will be permitted only on land which is in, or has passed through, public ownership (with limited exceptions).

Mr Young has also fallen into the trap which has ensnared many. The land acquisition and management schemes to be prepared by the end of this year are *not* concerned with planning or programmes of acquisition; their purpose is to settle "who does what".

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors opposed the Bill in its original form and, indeed, put forward an alternative solution *The Land Problem: a fresh approach*, which it hoped might attract a consensus of political opinion, so avoiding the damaging effect of enactment followed by repeal. While that aspiration has not been realized, many of the RICS representations about the Bill have been reflected in amendments and the Act is a considerable improvement on the original Bill.

It is time, however, for action to take the place of debate. The success or failure of this Act will depend on its workability. Chartered surveyors are among those who now take up the task of putting the Act to this test.

Yours faithfully,
CLIFFORD DANN,
Chairman of Public Affairs Committee,
The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors,
12 Great George Street,
Parliament Square, SW1.
December 2.

Architecture heritage

From Lord Duncan-Sandys

Sir, Mr Chamberlin and his distinguished fellow architects, whose letter you published on November 29, are perfectly entitled to express their disagreement, on architectural grounds, with the Minister's decision to refuse permission to demolish a section of Queen's Gate. But they have no justification, nor have they advanced any, for accusing him of being actuated by party political motives.

Mr Anthony Crosland, who is a much-valued trustee of the Civic Trust, has for many years, in Parliament and outside, shown his deep concern for the conservation of our architectural heritage; and I am certain that in this, as in other courageous decisions which he has taken, he has been inspired solely by this consideration.

Yours faithfully,
DUNCAN-SANDYS, President of the Civic Trust,
17 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.
December 4.

Financing pensions

From the Director-General of the Royal Institute of Public Administration

Sir, The article "As civil servants' pensions go up today" by Peter Hennessy (December 1) gives valuable information on a question all too often wrapped in mystery. May I suggest the important conclusions to which it should lead the reader?

First: The pay-as-you-go system of financing pensions is much less expensive than that of the accruing liability system requiring the maintenance of large capital funds, and it is much better able to bear the burden of inflation. Mr Hennessy states that the cost of Civil Service pensions is just under 9 per cent of payroll in a scheme in which the proportion of pensioners to salary earners is now no less than 36 per cent. Even in times of stable money funded pension schemes often demand 18 per cent of payroll, 6 per cent by employee and 12 per cent by employer. In their latest annual reports Barclays Bank and Commercial Union state that last year they respectively contributed 43 per cent and 30 per cent of payroll to their pension funds.

Second: It follows that our political leaders who are moved to promote public discussion on the techniques of pension financing should be congratulating the Government on a system which enables it to keep faith with its employees in honouring lifetime contracts and to do so at minimal cost.

Third: There is an urgent need for the private sector in Britain to free itself from the shackles of the accruing liability system which, as Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mr Timothy Renton have explained with such dramatic figures, is impossibly expensive in times of high inflation. Other countries, notably France, have demonstrated that the massive pension fund is not a *sine qua non* of a good private sector pension scheme.

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND NOTTAGE,
Director-General, Royal Institute of Public Administration,
Hamilton House,
Mabledon Place, WC1.
December 1.

Dissatisfaction at road inquiries

From Mr Paul Sieghart

Sir, Your excellent leader today (December 3) makes two important points about public inquiries into major road schemes. In both the respects you mention, they do these things a good deal better in the United States. Realizing that trunk roads are not local affairs, they have two inquiries: a "corridor public hearing" in which the need for the road, and the possible alternative routes, are discussed, and (later) a "highway design public hearing", which provides a forum for debating its specific location and major design features.

The first of these must be held "before the State highway department is committed to a specific proposal", and the second before it is committed to a specific design. At each of the hearings, there has to be a full opportunity for the presentation of views on the road's "social, economic and environmental" effects, and the Federal Policy and Procedure Memorandum which governs these matters lists no fewer than 23 such effects, without claiming that these are exhaustive.

Moreover, the State highway departments must make available to the public before the hearings the written views of everyone they have consulted, and they have to consult a great many people and bodies, both in the public and the private sector. Open government indeed—and in the United States the objectors' reasonable costs are even paid out of public funds.

But there is another defect in our system which is even more serious than those you mention. Our local inquiries were devised when the proponents of schemes were "statutory undertakers" independent of central government: local authorities, railway companies, water boards, and so on. It may have made good sense in those days for the Minister to decide between the proponents of the scheme and the objectors, and to send his own inspector into the backwoods to hear the evidence and to advise him.

Today, all this has changed. Motorways, for instance, are now proposed by regional Road Construction Units, themselves part of the Department of the Environment. How can the public still have confidence in a system where the Secretary of State proposes the scheme, the Secretary of State sends down an inspector whom he pays, the Secretary of State presents the evidence, and the Secretary of State takes the final decision, if necessary overriding his inspector's advice? However admirable the inspectors may be—and I would not wish in any way to impugn their personal integrity—it is no wonder that most objectors today regard the whole business as an expensive farce, especialy when they discover that the Department has never yet "lost" a major motorway inquiry.

Surely, Sir, it is high time that we replaced this out-of-date system with one which will again command public respect. And that means, first and foremost, that it must accord with the fundamental principles of natural justice, administered with real—and visible—independence and impartiality.

Yours, &c,
PAUL SIEGHART,
6 Gray's Inn Square, WC1,

Dylan Thomas letters

From Mr David Higham

Sir, Your Sale Room Correspondent suggests today (December 6) that the reason that Dylan Thomas's letters to his wife put up for auction at Sotheby's on Friday failed to sell may have been that a purchaser would have secured the physical letters only, and not the copyright. But when manuscript material, letters or otherwise, is sold, copyright does not pass to the purchaser, unless it is specifically stated that it does. That has been so when other Dylan Thomas manuscript material has been sold. All bidders likely to be interested would have understood this.

The Trustees for the Copyrights of Dylan Thomas have never opposed publication and in the past have sought to achieve it. This they could not do without the permission of Mrs Thomas, the owner of the physical material, who controlled access to it and who refused. Proceeds from publication would accrue to the Trust and under the terms of the trust deed would be divided between Mrs Thomas and her three children by Dylan Thomas.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HIGHAM, for the Trustees,
12 Keats Grove, NW3.
December 6.

Well-paid jobs

From Mr John Everett

Sir, Yes, one need say more about the implication in Mr Maddicott's letter today (December 4), pointing out that in a random set of sixteen jobs advertised at £6,000-plus, three were with central, and nine with local government.

Generally speaking, such jobs have to be advertised; jobs with private companies, so far, do not.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN EVERETT,
Greenhill,
42 Midford Lane,
Limpley Stoke,
Bath.

The real loser?

From Sir Robert Lusty

Sir, It would appear that General Bernard Levin has led his army to a famous victory. Were confused bureaucrats the only losers few would not join the ranks in throwing their caps over their television aerials. But in this case the real loser by many thousands of pounds happens to be the best and still the cheapest public service broadcasting system in the world. Is it too much to hope that magnanimity in victory will require those victorious to remember this as they watch their BBC programmes at a rather cheaper rate than their neighbours?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT LUSTY,
The Old Silk Mill,
Blockley,
Moreton-in-Marsh,
Gloucestershire.
December 5.

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[illegible]cember 6: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother this evening opened the new Bandroom of the Egham Band.

The Lady Jean Rankin was in attendance.

December 7: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Royal Variety Gala given at the Victoria Palace in aid of the Injured Jockeys Fund.

The Lady Jean Rankin and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on February 2.

The Prince of Wales will attend a dinner given by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in the Speaker's House, Westminster Hall, on Thursday.

Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips will attend a gala Christmas night in aid of the British Olympian Olympic Fund at Olympia on December 17.

The Duke of Gloucester will be present at a swan feast at the Vintners' Hall on Thursday.

The Alexandra Rose Ball will be held at Grosvenor House on May 12, in aid of Alexandra Day.

Birthdays today

The Earl of Ancaster, 68; Lord [illegible], 68; Mr Maurice Green, 69; Sir Joseph Molony, QC, 68; Sir Arthur Rymill, 68; Sir John [illegible], 84; Sir Eric Weston, 83.

Christening

The infant daughter of Lord and Lady Macdonald was christened Isabella Claire by the Rev A. Macdougall, in The Church of Scotland, Kilmore, Isle of Skye, on November 30. The godparents are the Hon Archie Macdonald, Mr Alexander Irvine Robertson, Mrs John Nicholson, Mrs Christopher Fox and Miss Olivia Catlow.

Latest wills

Sir John Eric Sidney **Thompson**, of Saffron Walden, Essex, the expert on American archaeology, left £50,425 net. He left his *Forstemann 1892 edition of the Maya Dresden Codex* and his de Rosny 1883 edition of the Codex Cortesianus to the Instituto Nacional de Antropologia and Historia de Mexico, and other books and pamphlets to the British Museum.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Jones, Mr Alfred, of [illegible] Errell £118,167
Popham, Mr Reginald Francis, of Warnham, Sussex, a member of the Stock Exchange .. £169,708

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. R. Dunhill
and Miss T. C. Courtenay Mayers
The marriage will shortly take place between Stephen, son of the Rev R. A. and Mrs Dunhill, of Market Cross, King's Cliffe, Peterborough, and Teresa, daughter of Dr and Mrs B. P. Courtenay Mayers, of 30 Argyll Road, London, W8.

Mr M. Hodgson
and Miss C. Chamberlin
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Hodgson, of 25 Churchill Avenue, Durham City, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Neville Chamberlin, of 48 Main Street, Weston Turville, Buckinghamshire.

Mr K. G. Maconachy
and Miss S. Waghorn
The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs W. V. Maconachy, of Kensington, London, and Sarah, [illegible] daughter of Mr and Mrs [illegible] Waghorn, of Eynsford, Kent, and of Mexico City.

Marriages

Mr R. Newbury
and the Hon Julia Hamilton
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Columba's church, [illegible] of Mr Richard Bridgead Newbury, son of Mr Roy Newbury and the late Mrs Newbury, of Eleighwater House, Eleighwater, Chard, Somerset, and the Hon Julia Elizabeth Heather Hamilton, only daughter of Lord Belhaven and Stenton, of Tighcarganaia, Port Ellen, Islay, and Ann Lady Belhaven and Stenton, of 21 [illegible]ning Road, Double Bay, New South Wales. The Right Rev William Cromp officiated, assisted by the Rev W. H. L. Wright and Fr Michael Lea.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory wild silk. Her tulle veil was held in place by a band of flowers and she carried a bouquet of orchids and roses. Leora Hamilton and Miss Sarah Macready attended her. Mr John Malony was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Rome.

Mr P. M. Smith
and Miss S. D. Seyfried
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Denys, Stanford-Dingley, near Reading, Berkshire, of Mr Peter Michael Smith, son of the late Mr and Mrs P. W. Smith, of Reading, Berkshire, and Miss Sarah Diana Seyfried, daughter of Mr J. B. Seyfried, of Badgers' Farm, Idlicote, Warwickshire, and Lady Cathleen Hudson, of The Old Rectory, Stanford-Dingley, Berkshire. The Rev W. H. Girling officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr David Seyfried, wore a gown of cream wild silk. Her chiffon veil was held in place by a diamond tiara (lent by the Duchess of Beaufort) and she carried a bouquet of white freesias, cream roses and stephanotis. She was attended by Emma Seyfried and Miss Louise Hudson. Mr Mark Patterson was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Rome.

Mr P. H. L. Barnwell
and Miss J.-A. Charnley
The marriage took place on Saturday in Cape Town of Mr Patrick Hugh Lowry Barnwell, son of Mr and the Hon Mrs C. J. P. Barnwell, of Wick Manor, Curry Rivel, Somerset, and Miss Julia-Anne Charnley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Charnley, of Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Dr C. A. J. Brightman
and Jonkvrouwe E. J. de Beyer
The marriage took place on Saturday in Velp, Gelderland, The Netherlands, of Dr Christopher Brightman, only son of Mr Justice and Lady Brightman, of 45 Parkside, Knightsbridge, and Jonkvrouwe Elisabeth de Beyer, younger daughter of Jonkheer and Mevrouw de Beyer, of Velp, The Netherlands. The Rev J. J. C. van Dijk officiated.

Dr J. Campbell-Macdonald
and Miss M. Wilson
The marriage took place on Saturday, December 6, at Chichester between Dr John Campbell-Macdonald, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Campbell-Macdonald, of Eastbourne, and Miss Marilyne Wilson, daughter of Captain James Wilson, RM, and Mrs Wilson, of Emsworth.

Today's engagements

- The Queen, accompanied by the Prince of Wales and Princess Anne, receive Australian rugby team. *Buckingham Palace*, 6.30.
- Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends reception given by Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust. St James's Palace, 4.30.
- The Duchess of Kent, patron of National Society for Cancer Relief, attends Westminster Ball, Inter-continental Hotel, 9.
- Choral and orchestral music by Westminster Abbey Choir. Westminster Abbey, 7.

Rising to the challenge thrown down by Dr Coggan

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

Despite the controversy which surrounded it and the misgivings of many churchmen, the [illegible] the [illegible] of Canterbury's [illegible] was heard [illegible] nation two months [illegible] parishes and responded to [illegible] organizations and by several [illegible] local. Although no national register of local [illegible] or discussion campaigns [illegible] is apparent from groups existing [illegible] diocesan and parish the pages of many people are journals [illegible] rise to the challenge striving [illegible] Coggan threw down.

Dr Coggan's essential message was in the form of two questions: what sort of society do we want, and what sort of people ought we to be? He was criticized for providing little guidance to his flock as to how they might search out the answers, for he chose, no doubt deliberately, to be abstract and unspecific.

Neither the debate on social responsibility in the General Synod last month nor the debate on the state of the nation in the assembly of the British Council of Churches before it contributed a great deal of insight to illuminate the debate. *The synod was too* specific, and the assembly too obscure, and many parish discussion groups were left wondering *how* to reach the right level of reality in order to achieve something.

The executive committee of the council, which was left the job of picking out the common threads from the assembly's meandering debate, has drawn up a detailed programme which should bear fruit in about two years' time. Inspired by Dr Coggan's lead, the committee has selected several topics for deeper study: Britain in a world setting; British economic priorities; power and powerlessness; law, order, freedom, and human rights; employment and unemployment; creating community; education and society; violence, non-violence, and social change; culture, morality and styles of life; leadership and authority.

The administrative staff of the council have been authorized to set up machinery to get those studies under way. In the meantime, however, it is not clear what local church discussion groups ought to do, it would appear that the search for the answers to Dr Coggan's two questions has been preempted by the council.

One solution has just appeared *in the bookshops, an inspired* little book by Sir John Lawrence called *Take Hold of Change*, (subtitled *Alternatives for society at the end of the second millennium*), which is published by SPCK at £1.50. Here is the flesh and blood that was (necessarily?) lacking from Dr Coggan's call to the nation.

No discussion group, however local or lowly, which started from Sir John's finishing point need feel that it was wasting its time. He sets the stage exactly as Dr Coggan would have wished: "First there must be some hard thinking about the aims *and structures of* society. . . . There is no substitute for quiet, practical reflection."

The book begins with a *survey* of the state of the world, of the contrast between rich and poor inside the nation and between nations, of the *dangers of pollution* and of the abuse of scarce raw material and energy resources, of the tensions of urban and industrial life. Here he is within the *scope* of Dr Schumacher's *Small is Beautiful*, of the prophetic economic *research of* Barbara Ward, and of the Bishop of Winchester's indictment of unlimited growth, *Enough is Enough*. (He quotes all three for further reading.)

In the drive for affluence, Western societies have made a virtue of acquisitiveness. At that point, he writes, moral factors determine economic *realities*: "If competition is encouraged and aggressiveness treated as a virtue, everyone will try to get ahead and some will succeed. Not everyone will be in front, but those who succeed will be self-righteous about it, *because they* will have done what society tells them to do. Those who are then even a little behind will be envious. The Bible treats envy as a sin, but the modern world encourages envy. . . ."

In the end, Sir John says, a society that encourages successful people to be self-righteous and unsuccessful people to be envious will have open-ended inflation instead of open-ended growth. It will have strikes by policemen, ambulance *postmen, firemen*, drivers, sewage workers, nurses and doctors. (He was writing in 1974.)

It can no longer be taken for granted that a man who makes a great deal of money has done anything useful, he declares. Social prestige must no longer be measured by wealth, and the subtle pressures on almost everyone to maximize their economic potential must be resisted. The new aims of society must be harmony and adjustment, between people and *between human society* and the environment.

"It is clear that there must be some limiting of material ambitions, but this will only be possible if society thinks carefully which ambitions it wishes to encourage and which it wishes to discourage", Sir John adds. "If you say this cannot be done, I answer that our *present values* and ambitions are largely the result of a deliberate cultivation of them over several generations."

There are already signs of a change in underlying social philosophy, symbolized by what he calls "*cells of sane living*" which have examined and found wanting the implicit values of modern acquisitive, competitive society. "The transformation of society will not come from theories, but from people doing things which catch on. *It is* through small experiments that society puts out feelers into the future."

In the construction of a new society, which he admits it may be inappropriate still to call "capitalist", *there is a unique* role awaiting the churches if they are willing to take it, and if they are willing to undergo a parallel transformation. The necessary changes in church life are "as great as it is possible to conceive", *but the prize, a* "second Christendom".

The Floreat Victoriana trio, William Bennett (flute), Clifford Benson *(piano)* and *Sandra Dugdale (soprano)*, who gave a recital at the Burne-Jones exhibition, Hayward Gallery, South Bank, yesterday, using the painter's piano. They hope to give other concerts there this month.

£39,460 for Millet painting sets an auction record

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Sales from the estate of Mrs *Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge* at Sotheby Parke Bernet, New York, continued on Friday when her nineteenth-century European paintings made £287,963, some 40 per cent more than had been expected. A romantic painting (18in by 14½in) of a shepherdess seated *at the edge of a forest, by Jean* Francois Millet, made $80,000 (estimate $50,000 to $70,000) or £39,460, an auction record for a Millet.

The $57,000 (estimate $25,000 to $35,000) or £28,120 for "Le Four Communal", by Théodore Rousseau, was also an auction record for the artist. The painting depicts a peasant woman and her children gathered round an open-air oven in a clump of bushes. The price represents a major advance on the Rousseau record established *at Sotheby's in London last week* at £10,450 with premium.

The two records for the leading artists *of the* Barbizon school, whose popularity at the turn of the century paralleled that of Picasso and the school of Paris today, underlines the extraordinary manner in which bidders have endorsed the basically Victorian taste of Mrs Dodge at this autumn's sales.

In Friday's sale, Mr Jack Warner, on behalf of the Tuscaloosa Yacht Club, Alabama, paid $22,000 (estimate $5,000 to $8,000), or *£10,853, for an 8ft painting* by Landseer of "Alpine Mastiffs Reanimating a Distressed Traveller". Painted in 1820, it brought £1,942 10s at Christie's in 1889. The yacht club propose to hang it behind their bar.

They also paid $21,000 (estimate *$25,000 to $50,000), or £10,360*, for a Landseer-style work by Rosa Bonheur, "The King of the Forest"; again an 8ft canvas, it depicts a stag.

On Saturday Parke Bernet sold furniture and clocks from the estate of Mrs Charles Dunlap *for* $98,687, with no unsold lots. Clocks by the great English clockmaker, Thomas Tompion, brought the top prices of the sale.

A quarter repeating, month-going alarm clock enclosed in an ebony veneered case with *foliate gilt-metal mounts made* $28,000 (estimate $18,000 to $22,000), or £13,813. The auctioneers' catalogue erroneously dates the clock around 1769, 56 years after Tompion's death; the piece is likely to date from about 1690. Another Tompion clock enclosed in an elaborate French style Boulle case, made $22,000 (estimate $20,000 to $25,000), or £10,853.

OBITUARY

MR JAMES CROMPTON

University teacher and warden

Mr James Crompton who died in Leicester on November 26 at the age of 56, had been Warden of Digby Hall, a University of Leicester hall of residence, since its opening in 1961, and a part-time Lecturer in History. A native of Lancashire he received his education at Leigh Grammar School, the University of Manchester and Oriel College, Oxford. In the Second World War he served in the Intelligence Corps in Egypt, Palestine and Italy. Over the period 1947-1961 he held teaching appointments at University College London, University College Oxford and Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa.

J. S. and G. D. S. M. write:

James Crompton came to Leicester with a combination of qualities and experience that contributed not only to the University but also to the county and the diocese.

As warden he gently but firmly guided the life of Digby Hall from its inception as a men's hall in buildings still in the hands of the contractors to a mixed hall with strong loyalties and a pride in its traditions. Over a decade when economic pressures and "student demands" altered the ways of many academic institutions he gained support for evolution and not revolution.

His knowledge of the history and traditions of the Church of England of which he was a devoted member were of aid in many ways: as a churchwarden of St Nicholas Church, *Leicester, with which is linked* the Bishop's Chaplaincy to the university; in the diocese; and in the *General Synod, to which he was recently reelected.*

He was a thorough medievalist, whose special interests lay in the history of architecture (which he studied constantly on many journeys in Europe) and in religious ideas. His teaching, both inside and outside the University, conveyed his enthusiasm and delight. He did much work on the Lollards and published a valuable paper on their beliefs as they appeared in Leicestershire. As editor of the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical *Society, and as one of its* secretaries, he gave energetic and unstinted service.

Present and past members of his hall, colleagues, and a vast company of friends gathered through the various phases of his career *will* long remember him with affection and respect.

M PIERRE BERTRAND

M Pierre Bertrand, the scholar, diplomat and journalist who retired earlier this year after 29 years as London correspondent of Le Figaro, died on December 5, at the age of 66.

The doyen of the French press corps in Britain in postwar years, M Bertrand had had a distinguished academic career, graduating with first class honours from the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, and holding university professorships in Berlin, Tokyo and Teheran before the Second World War.

During the war he served as head of information at *General de Gaulle's headquarters in* London. He was appointed London correspondent of *Le Figaro* when the war ended. He was an Officer of the Legion of Honour and an Honorary Member of the Order of the British Empire.

MR EDWARD HYAMS

Edwin and Gillian Mullins write:

May we add a footnote to your warm appreciation of the late Edward Hyams, who was a close friend for many years.

You comment on his prolific output as an author. What was perhaps even more remarkable was the breadth and variety of subject matter he was able to tackle with knowledge. Besides being a distinguished novelist, gardening writer and ecologist he had *written* with authority on the civilization of the Incas, on the history of agriculture, and on numerous aspects of left-wing politics. He had made a special study of political revolutions, and out of a contempt for authoritarian humbug took pleasure in describing himself as an anarchist.

All these roles he adopted passionately. *He* was a man who delighted in squeezing at least three lives into one. The very special quality of Edward as friend and companion lay in his ability to become interested in absolutely everything that concerned the life and civilization of man, and to be just as excited by other people's ideas as by his own. His erudition had nothing whatever of bigotry in it. The more he talked, the more he listened; and the more warm and generous he appeared to grow.

Major-General Reginald Herbert Ryrie Steward, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, has died at the age of 77. Educated at Cheltenham College, he served in both World Wars, gaining his MC in the first and his DSO and [illegible] in the second. He was ADC to King George VI in 1947 and to the Queen in 1952. He married in 1934, Vera Beatrice [illegible]. They had two daughters.

Mr Hugh B. Brown, a member of the council of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of [illegible] Christ of Latterday Saints, died in Salt Lake City, [illegible] Britain at *different times* [illegible] has been president of [illegible] British mission, directing [illegible] work of nearly 100 missionaries.

Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon C. W. H. Allenby has died at the age of 63.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
CAPTAINS: G. C. Lloyd, MBE, in Cmd, March 15, 76; D. I. Smith, Rtd List, Jan 31, 76; G. J. Fairley, Rtd List, Jan 7, 76.
COMMANDERS: D. J. Beasley, [illegible] Apr 16, 76; P. A. N. Foster, HERMES, July 2, 76; P. M. Donegan, [illegible] Jan 23, 76; C. W. S. Sayers, PEMBROKE, Base Sp Offr, Chatham, June 1, 76; D. G. B. White, Rtd List, Feb 9, 76; B. J. Matthew, Rtd List, Feb 7, 76.

The Army
MAJOR-GENERAL: Brig D. G. [illegible], appd DDGA, Dec 9.
BRIGADIERS: Col A. W. Dennis to be Comd 20 Armd Bde, Dec 11; C. A. Lindale to be Dep Comdt, Dec 14; Col J. S. Ryder, to be DDOS, Dec [illegible]; R. M. H. Vickers, to be DDAT, Dec 24; Col R. F. Vincent, to be Comd [illegible] Airportable Bde, Dec 17.
COLONELS: R. H. Freeman, to be CO BM Hosp, Woolwich, Oct 15; Lt-Col A. F. [illegible], R Anglian, to be Dep Comd [illegible] Inf Bde, Dec 10; Lt-Col J. R. A. MacMillan, Gordons, to be Col GS, MOD, Dec 11; J. Thompson appd Comdt RAPC Trg Centre, Dec 8; Lt-Col A. A. Young, RA, appd Col AQ, HQ BAOR, Dec [illegible].
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: J. D. Blackwell, RTR, to be GSO1, HQ UKLF, Dec 22; B. N. Crumble, R Anglian, to be Chief of Public Info Div, SHAPE, Dec 11; P. B. Evans, RCT, to be OC 8 Div Regt RCT, Nov 20; L. N. Green, RAOC, to be AA&QMG, [illegible] DAT, MOD, Dec 11; [illegible] R. L. Guthrie, WG, to be AAG, HQ Household Div, Dec 18; C. P. Johnson, Queen's, to be GSO1, RCDS, Dec 12; R. G. L. Osborne, RTR, appd GSO1, [illegible] Dec 8; R. G. L. Osborne, RTR, appd GSO1, RMCS, Dec 2; Maj A. J. [illegible] Percival, Cheshire, to be [illegible] to AG, Dec 19; Maj D. F. A. Tucker, RHA, to be CO 21 Fd Regt RA, Nov 22; Maj I. F. R. Tyler, RTR, to be GSO1, DRA [illegible], Dec 10; K. G. [illegible] RA, appd CO 16 Lt AD Regt RA, Dec 1.
[illegible]: Brig W. J. Armstrong, Dec 10.

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: I. M. Perkins, hon Surgeon to the Queen, Nov 21.
GROUP CAPTAINS (with acting rank of Air Commodore): R. Hughes, to Support Command as Air Offr Supply, Dec 15; K. Kingshott, to HQ Strike Command as Air Cdre Plans and Air, Dec 15.
GROUP CAPTAIN: D. R. Locke, to RAF Northolt [illegible] Castle as SASO, Dec 12.
WING COMMANDER (with acting rank of Group Captain): A. W. Law, to [illegible] as CA, Dec [illegible].
WING COMMANDERS: R. M. Robson, to MOD (AFD) as OPS(S)1, Dec 5; P. S. Dunmore, to RAF Wellington as OC OPS, Dec 12; D. H. Sugar, to RAF Kinloss as OC OPS, Dec 12; [illegible] Watson, to RAF Waddington as OC [illegible]; [illegible] to HQ Strike [illegible]; [illegible] Goss, to Dept of D of [illegible].
SQUADRON LEADERS (with acting rank of Wing Commander): [illegible]

Science report

Medicine: Oestrogen and cancer risk

Two separate research studies in the *United States* have shown a connexion between oestrogen treatment given to menopausal women and a form of cancer of the uterus. This type of treatment has been widely prescribed in America in an attempt to slow the physical changes that occur in women at and after the menopause.

In the first investigation the records of more than 300 women with endometrial cancer (cancer of the lining of the womb) seen at Washington University were *examined for evidence of earlier* hormone treatment with oestrogen; almost half of them had taken oestrogens for six months or longer.

In contrast, when women with other forms of cancer were questioned only one in every six had ever had oestrogen treatment. Very similar results were obtained from a second independent study organized by the Kaiser Foundation health plan in California: again half the cancer patients had been treated with oestrogens in *the past*. The two reports appear in the current *New England Journal of Medicine* and a leading article in the same issue comments *that oestrogens must now be used* with caution.

Women with specific menopausal disorders such as hot flushes and atrophy of the reproductive tract can be relieved of their symptoms by oestrogen treatment, but, the *journal says*, those benefits must be set against the hazardous side-effects of such treatment. "Thromboembolism, coronary disease and stroke are oestrogen-related risks that appear to be dose- and age-dependent, which, when added to a putative cancer risk, put oestrogens into a category of pharmacologic agents that must be used with extreme care." The reaction of British authorities has been similar.

A leading article in the current issue of *The Lancet* says that the American *reports provide the first* fully acceptable evidence of a risk in long-term oestrogen replacement. Further studies will be needed to establish whether the cancer risk is associated with all or only some of the oestrogen compounds used for that form of treatment; but meanwhile *The Lancet* suggests that candidates for oestrogen replacement should *be recommended to have an* operation to remove the uterus. While that is a somewhat extreme reaction, general medical opinion seems to be that the evidence of a cancer risk is sufficiently persuasive to make necessary a revision of attitudes to hormone replacement therapy.

The probability of a menopausal woman developing this type of cancer in any one year is estimated at one in a thousand; the risk may be multiplied by between four and eight if she *is* prescribed *long-term oestrogen treatment*. Such a risk is probably acceptable for a year or two if symptoms are distressing, but it is less easy to justify if the purpose of treatment is simply the attempted postponement of aging. At the very least, the medical experts suggest, all women taking oestrogens in the long-term should now have regular tests for endometrial cancer.

By Our Medical Correspondent

Source: *New England Journal of Medicine* (Dec 4, 1975) and *The Lancet* (Dec 6, 1975).

University news

Sussex
The following grants have been awarded by the Science Research Council:

£57,373 to Dr L. L. Blundell for X-ray structural studies of enzymes and polypeptide hormones.
£31,020 to Dr A. Sloman for computational feasibility in visual perception.
£37,875 to Professor R. V. Jessop for [illegible] using controlled [illegible] electron beams.
£21,235 to Professor S. [illegible] for [illegible]
£[illegible] to Mr J. D. Edwards, Dr G. Williams and Dr P. [illegible] for [illegible] and [illegible] vehicle.
£[illegible] to Professor [illegible] for synthesis of nucleic analogues.

25 years ago

From The Times of Thursday, December 7, 1950

China and Korea

From a Special Correspondent

The Chinese Communist inter*vention in Korea has been accom*panied by an intensive propaganda campaign demanding the withdrawal of all American troops from the peninsula. The exact Chinese motives are unknown. It is still uncertain whether Chinese troops will cross the 38th parallel in the attempt to put the demands into force. All that an analysis of official Chinese statements, before and after the intervention, reveals for certain is the great change that occurred on the Chinese side as soon as United Nations troops were about to cross the parallel into Northern Korea.

In the early stages of the Korean conflict the Chinese faithfully followed the Cominform line in claiming that the North Koreans were *resisting South Korean aggression*.

£50,000 winner

The weekly £50,000 Premium Savings Bond prize announced on Saturday, was won by number 1 AK 939045. The winner lives in Surrey.

The 25 £1,000 winners are: [illegible]

Teachers support pupils as school governors

By Our Education Correspondent

The Professional Association of Teachers, who have 10,000 members, are in favour of pupils over the age of 18 being allowed to serve on the governing bodies of schools.

In evidence to the Taylor committee on the management and government of schools, published today, they say that such pupils are allowed to vote at local and national elections.

The association say: "There does seem to be a very real argument in favour of involving pupils over the age of 18 in the management of education in the community."

Dinner

Staffordshire Society
The annual dinner of the Staffordshire Society was held on Saturday at the Tower of London. The guest of honour was Dr Lionel Butler, Principal of the Royal Holloway College, London University, and among those present were:
Sir Maurice Dorman, president, and Lady Dorman, Sir John and Lady Wedgwood, Colonel F. R. L. Parnell, chairman, Colonel and Mrs H. C. B. Cook and Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs H. H. L. Cartwright.

Painted Hall closure

The Painted Hall and Chapel at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, will be closed to the public for the day next Wednesday.

Miss Anita Grade, daughter of Mr Leslie Grade, the impresario, and Mr Brook Land, a solicitor, after their marriage yesterday at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood, London.

Parliamentary diary

House of Commons

Monday, December 1: Statement on NHS dispute. Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill read second time. Motion on White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) (No 3) Scheme agreed to. Adjournment debate on further education for the handicapped in Wales. House adjourned 11.53 pm.

Tuesday, December 2: Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill read second time by 310 votes to 273. Motion on financial assistance to Herbert Ltd agreed to by 272 votes to 254. Adjournment debate about Holyhead [illegible]. House adjourned 1.35 am (Wednesday).

Wednesday, December 3: Statement on Burmah Oil Co. Dock Work Regulation Bill read first time. Debate on motion to take note of report on EEC developments: motion agreed to. Northern Ireland (Loans) Bill passed committee and remaining stages. Motions on Northern Ireland Orders on rates, firearms, education, insurance companies and Bann reservoir agreed to. Adjournment debate about tied cottages. House adjourned 2.16 am (Thursday).

Thursday, December 4: Statement by the Prime Minister on Rome European Council meeting. Motion to take note of report on House of Commons administration: motion agreed to. Civil List Bill read second time by 247 votes to 16. Motion to annul [illegible] Banks (Preservation) Order: motion withdrawn. Adjournment debates about urban aid programme and rates in Scotland. House adjourned 10.59 pm.

Friday, December 5: Petition about historic houses presented. Police Bill read second time. Adjournment debate about misuse of residential property in central London. House adjourned 4.19 pm.

House of Lords

Tuesday, December 2: Damages (Scotland) Bill read first time. Debate on motion to take note of EEC committee report on energy policy: motion agreed to. Debatable question on rehabilitation facilities for the unemployed. House adjourned 8.40 pm.

Wednesday, December 3: Debate on the NHS: motion withdrawn. House adjourned 10.0 pm.

Thursday, December 4: Statute Law (Repeals) Bill and Incurable Patients Bill read first time. Insolvency Bill, Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Bill, and Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill read second time. House adjourned 6.00 pm.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Debate on government policy on offshore oil. Motions on European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No 3) and (No 4) Orders.

Tomorrow at 2.30: Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, second reading.

Wednesday at 2.30: Armed Forces Bill, second reading. Motion on Army, Air Force and Navy Discipline Acts (Continuance) Order, OECD Support Fund Bill and Moneylenders (Crown Agents) Bill, remaining stages. Motion relating to Temporary Speed Limit Order.

Thursday at 2.30: Private members' motions on penalty for terrorist offences and on unemployment. Civil List Bill, remaining stages. Motions on Northern Ireland Orders on Emergency Provisions and Various Emergency Provisions (Continuance) (No 2).

Friday at 11.00: Private members' motions on investment of pension and insurance funds and on unemployment in Sunderland.

Select Committees

Today.—Expenditure, Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee. Subject: Priorities and decision taking within the Department of Education and Science. Witnesses: ACC and [illegible] (Room 15, 4.15 pm).

Tomorrow.—Science and Technology, Science Sub-Committee. Subject: Industry and scientific research. Witnesses: School of the Physical Sciences, University of Cambridge (East Room, [illegible]); [illegible] Schools, University of Cambridge, 4.30 pm). Nationalized Industries, Sub-Committee A. Subject: Report and accounts of the National Bus Company. Witnesses: National Bus Company (Room 8, 4 pm). European Secondary Legislation. Subject: Pollution and transport of goods on inland waterways. Witness: Mr D. Howell, Minister of State for Environment (Room 5, 4 pm).

Wednesday.—Science and Technology, Science Sub-Committee. Subject: Industry and scientific research. Witnesses: Science Park Companies: Trinity College (Jasper Room, Old Schools, University of Cambridge, 2 pm). Expenditure, Environment Sub-Committee. Subject: National Parks and the countryside. Witnesses: Countryside Commission (Room 5, 4 pm). Expenditure, Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee. Subject: Preventive medicine. Witness: Professor Eric Stroud (Room 15, 4.30 pm).

Thursday.—Race Relations and Immigration. Subject: The West Indian community. Witnesses: Various West Indian organizations [illegible] Neighbourhood Community Association, 2.30 pm).

House of Lords

Tomorrow at 2.30: Statute Law Revision (Northern Ireland) Bill, Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill and Trustee Savings Banks Bill, second reading. Debate on select committee report on County of South Glamorgan Bill.

Wednesday at 2.30: Debate on the [illegible] report on [illegible]. Unstarred question on use of the David [illegible] Theatre.

Thursday at 3.00: Motions on Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuance) Order and Northern Ireland Orders on [illegible]. Debate on [illegible]. Debate on [illegible] committee report on migrant workers.

Select Committee

Thursday.—EEC Sub-committee C on energy, transport and research. Subject: European aeronautical programme. Evidence by Civil Aviation Authority (Room 48, 3.30 pm).

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Julyan Dodgson, director of the MacRobert Arts Centre, Stirling University, to be in addition chorus master of the newly formed BBC Scottish Singers.

Consumers seek parity at EEC

Agriculture
Hugh Clayton

Parity with producers at all stages of EEC talks about farm prices and policy is the aim of the con*sumer lobby in Brussels*. That was confirmed by Mr Anthony Dumont, the British *chairman* of the Consumers' Consultative Committee, after a *meeting* with M Lardinois, Community Commissioner for Agriculture.

Mr Dumont, a London solicitor, *who is also deputy chairman* of the Consumers' Association, said he would like to see a similar balance in the Council of Agriculture Ministers, with each producer minister matched by a consumer minister.

Unfortunately, Britain was the only member country which had one of the latter, in Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection. He regarded her recent attendance at the council as an important precedent and had no doubt that she would attend again. Mrs Williams told him last Monday that she supported his committee's submission to M Lardinois.

Champions of the consumer interest outside Britain were impressed by Mrs Williams's role. Mr Dumont gave a graphic impression of the frustration felt by a Belgian colleague in talks with his own minister of agriculture: "The minister said, more or less, 'I am here to look after farmers. You are against farmers, so I am against you'."

The delegation that met M Lardinois for two hours on Thursday found him receptive to the consumer lobby's plea for greater consultation about farm policy. It handed him a long submission.

Exports: Mr Dumont explained that his committee, which was set up by the EEC Commission in 1973, wanted the Community's consumer preference to be made a cardinal principle of the common agricultural policy. "We feel that consumers should not be made to pay higher prices for European farm products than those charged to consumers overseas.

"The way the policy has operated so far has been against the consumer. Farmers got in on the ground floor when consumers were not even heard of. On the Continent it is even more important to reach *consumer parity* than it is here, because here there has always been some resistance to the producer interest from the Treasury."

The committee disapproves strongly of the sale of food surpluses outside the Community at *rates below those charged to con*sumers within it. It believes that the elimination of such sales is essential to give consumers confidence that farm policy is working in their favour.

Imports: "The CAP has increased the price of imported food through the operation of levies, which has also resulted in higher prices for European farm production. Such protection is often defended on the grounds that in the longer term consumers will benefit from a higher level *of farm output. The onus is on* those who make this claim to demonstrate to consumers that an implicit tax on their food purchases is in their own interest."

Intervention: "We are against it in toto because it is a bad and clumsy system", Mr Dumont said. "The level of intervention prices is too high and M Lardinois agreed that one of the problems with dried milk powder was that it was too high when the industry's efficiency was improving.

"He expected the skim milk mountain to rise from one million tons to one and a half million tons next year." Mr Dumont said that his committee had not yet evolved an alternative to intervention.

Price-fixing: The submission said that it was hard to identify a group of farms on the costs of which the community could base *price rises for all producers*. "We do not neglect the problem of social justice in a human community that is faced by too many inefficient farms. But we do not believe it to be in the long-term interest of the community to finance the necessary social programmes by means of a consumer food tax."

Mr Dumont said that M Lardinois had agreed to show members of the committee the calculations on which the commission's suggested price rises for next year will be based. He had also agreed that proposals for price rises should be issued in future with a memorandum to the committee. The first such memoranda will reach it before Christmas.

The memoranda would explain the likely impact of the plans of *the commission on consumers and* would be sent to all those who were notified of proposed price changes. Mr Dumont said that was something on which Mrs Williams was keen.

The committee's submission to M Lardinois marks a further stage in the determined campaign of the consumer lobby throughout the community for influence on policies for food production.

The campaign is especially noticeable in Britain, where there is more political concern about consumer affairs and less about agriculture than in other member states. The Consumers' Association has said that it wants parity with farming unions in talks about domestic farm price reviews.

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Strong opposition in City nay halve proposed ises in SE commissions

John Whitmore

rong opposition from big stors and leading stock- zers appears almost certain esult in smaller increases tock Exchange commissions 1 had been mooted earlier autumn. Against original cations that commissions ht go up by 10-12 per cent, now seems likely that the rage increase will be under er cent.

he brunt of the increases is ected to fall on deals in the 00 to £10,000 bracket, ugh it is possible that there be a further increase in *minimum commission* rged on very small deals. s latter charge has already *n raised once in the past 12* nths, going up from £4 to in mid-February.

pposition from institutional estors to proposed increases commission charges has been ng. Although they recog- that inflation has pushed brokers' costs substantially, y also point to the sharp overy in the volume of ck market business this year be value of equity turnover far running more than a rd ahead of the depressed els of 1974, and in gilts it is by an even higher margin.

Many *leading* broking firms have taken the view that recovery in business has ndered increased commission necessary at this stage. Hoare Co, Govett, one of the City's three brokers recently ex- essed doubts on the need for gher commissions in its nual report, and is far from ing alone in its view.

As brokers J. & A. Scrimour wrote in their annual port in September, the deci- n to continue expenditure to velop the Talisman system rther made higher commissions "absolutely essential" to protect profit margins during the lengthy period before the economies of scale from the new system would start to come through.

Apart from direct increases in commission rates, the Stock Exchange committee reviewing commissions is believed to have been looking into other methods of improving the revenue of broking firms. One area that has been examined is the agency system, whereby brokers share *commission with approved* agents such as clearing banks.

At present about 150 banks receive 25 per cent of the commission on any deal they bring to brokers for a client, while a *further 6,000 agents*, mainly solicitors and chartered accountants, have a similar arrangement *on a 20 per cent basis*.

Some brokers feel that this divisible commission scheme should be changed or abolished, and the Stock Exchange is thought to have put a number of proposals to the clearing banks for revising it.

The banks, however, are strongly opposed to abolition of the system or any idea of putting the scheme on a new footing, but to the extent that higher commissions would mean more revenue for the banks to share, there could be room for compromise.

Given that many of the main brokers feel that higher commissions are now unnecessary in terms of their firms' financial viability, *they also feel strongly* opposed to higher charges on two further grounds.

First, they fear higher rates will divert more business to Ariel, the merchant banks' computerized share dealing service, which has gained about 1 per cent of total equity turnover and rather more of institutional equity business.

They are also worried that rate increases will attract public and political criticism of the kind that The Stock Exchange could well do without at the moment.

Many small brokers take a different line—as indeed do a *number of medium and larger-sized* brokers. Not only does the emphasis of their business mean that they face higher costs a bargain, but they are also concerned about the New Year advance, from 0.6 to 1.5 per cent of gross revenue, in the stock exchange levy.

The levy is being raised because stock exchange costs have been running ahead of budget and the exchange has been running at a loss. Because the exchange is pressing ahead with expenditure on its highly expensive *Talisman computerized* settlement system, many brokers fear that the January rise in the levy will be followed by further increases.

Another area the commissions committee has been examining is continuation business. Under the present rules, an investor wishing to build up a holding *in a small or medium sized* company has been able to continue buying for a period of up to three months and have its purchases treated for commission purposes as a single transaction.

The idea of reducing the time limit to one month, however, is another that has been hotly contested by institutional investors.

The final proposals of the commissions committee are to be discussed by The Stock Exchange Council on December 16 and, assuming the council accepts the proposals, there will *be a further three weeks* for members to voice any objections.

Allowing for this period and the time needed for Price Commission clearance, any increases may not come into effect before the start of the new stock exchange year in March.

Import curbs unlikely to affect loan from IMF

From Fred Emery
Washington, Dec 7

Import controls, which Britain is expected to implement shortly, are not likely to interfere with the planned British drawing of a maximum of 1,000m SDRs (about £587m) *from the International Monetary Fund's oil facility*.

Authoritative sources here said that after extensive discussions between British officials and the staff of Dr Johannes Witteveen, the IMF managing director, there was an understanding that Britain's policies would be set out in the letter of application.

Submission of the letter is expected shortly, but it is not now likely to come before the *IMF board of directors* until after Christmas.

"Import controls are certainly something they will look at", the sources said, but there was no reason to believe the "fairly limited" controls being planned by Britain would interfere with approval.

When the IMF facility was set up last year, it was stated *that the fund expected countries* not to take actions that might limit trade. This apparent condition has given rise to reports that British application would be in difficulty, but this was said to be not true.

Britain has also applied to borrow from its own IMF holdings, but such loans are granted without conditions.

Two German banks in share link-up

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Dec 7

Bayerische Vereinsbank of Munich, Germany's fifth largest bank, is taking a 50 per cent stake in Bankhaus Gebrüder Bethmann, one of Frankfurt's most important private banks.

The deal, which takes effect on January 2, marks a further step in the Vereinsbank's expansion from its original *Bavarian base* and is yet another example of the declining position of the old German private banking houses in the economy and the banking system.

Not only has the number of private banking houses steadily diminished over the past few years from 178 at the beginning of 1969 to 128 at present, but the number of larger ones acquiring stronger partners has grown.

In conjunction with the acquisition, the capital of Bankhaus Bethmann will be raised by DM10m to DM30m (about £5.07m) with the old and new partners participating equally.

Bayerische Vereinsbank also announced a rights issue for January which will raise capital by *a nominal DM26m* to DM286m by offering one new *DM50 share for every 10 held* at DM160 each.

Baron Johann Philipp von Bethmann, the 26th head of the 228-year-old bank, told the press that it would maintain "the unmistakable characteristics of a private bank" in the future.

Texaco joins price war with limit of 3p more on a gallon of fuel oil

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

Texaco, the fourth largest oil supplier in Britain, last night joined the price-cutting war in the industrial oil and domestic central heating oil markets.

As part of the price increases that became effective at midnight, Texaco has decided to raise the price of all grades of *industrial fuel oil* by *only* 3p a gallon—the smallest increase in the price of these products seen so far.

It also followed Esso's example and increased the price of gas oil—used in large domestic central heating systems and in industry—by 5p a gallon, undercutting the 6.5p a gallon for these products announced by Shell, British Petroleum and Mobil earlier last week.

Texaco has increased its five star petrol price by 3p a gallon (3.75p including VAT) and the remaining grades by 2.80p (3.30p including VAT). These *prices are roughly in line with* the levels introduced by the other major marketing groups last week.

But holding down the increases on all grades of fuel oil to 3p will increase the already fierce competition in this market. Shell and BP, who *were the first to announce price* increases last week, raised light fuel oil prices by 3.94p a gallon, medium fuel oils by 3.80p, and heavy fuel oils by 3.40p.

Esso replied with a slightly higher price for light fuel oil—4p a gallon—but announced only 3p a gallon rises for the other two grades. Mobil also went for 4p on light fuel oil and followed closely Shell and BP's lead on other grades.

Oil industry sources will be watching to see if the Central Electricity Generating Board, the biggest single customer for fuel oils, can hold down rises *in its contract prices*.

It is thought that the CEGB has a big negotiating edge over the companies because of the reduced national demand for electricity and the ability of the board to generate more electricity from coal if it feels oil prices have risen too steeply.

In the domestic central heating market, many householders who do not have long-term contracts for fuel or have agreements that are about to expire, have started approaching the companies that have decided to increase prices by less than the 6.5p a gallon announced by Shell and British Petroleum.

Shopping around for central heating oil is widely expected to become a regular practice now that there are several price levels.

Union seeks bargaining status at ICI

By Christopher Thomas

A formal application for sole bargaining rights for 9,300 managerial and professional staff at ICI has been made by the Association of Professional Scientists and Technologists. It says it has increased membership from that group threefold in the past two months.

A spokesman for the association said yesterday: "It is the last major group of ICI employees to remain outside the scope of a union recognition agreement. A membership audit just completed by the Electoral Reform Society has shown that 25.6 per cent of ICI's managerial and professional staff are now members of the association."

Dr Maurice Gillibrand, executive secretary of the association, said: "The company has already agreed to negotiate with us provided we can show at least a 20 per cent membership among the common interest group, and subject to a ballot proving majority support for the association."

The association was pressing the company to hold a ballot as *soon as possible*.

Unctad move for commodities pact

A further step towards more stable commodity prices is expected at *Unctad's 87-nation* committee on commodities in a two-week session opening today in Geneva.

Since its July meeting the original proposals for an integrated programme have been further trimmed, according to Unctad's assessment of political feasibility.

$45m Eurodollar loan for Montedison

Montedison announced in Rome at the weekend the signing of a $45m (nearly £23m) Eurodollar loan, bringing to $95m the sum the Italian chemical and fibres group has raised this autumn on international markets.

The $45m three-year loan was negotiated with a group of international banks headed by Morgan Grenfell and London Continental Bankers. The interest will be 1½ per cent above the London Interbank Rate for the first year and 1½ per cent higher for the remaining two.

Fiat-Innocenti study

Officials of British Leyland and Fiat are expected this week to start studying the detailed technical, legal and financial issues involved in Fiat's proposed takeover of the Innocenti motor car assembly plant, Leyland's Italian subsidiary, and its conversion to manufacture *commercial vans*.

Jobless warning

Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, risks having to send unemployment up to nearly two million with a further huge squeeze unless he introduces *general import controls. Phillips* and Drew, the stockbroking firm says, in its latest *Market Review*. It predicts that Britain will find it very difficult to borrow enough to pay for its expected enormous trade gap.

Rolls on verge of two big jet engine deals

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Rolls-Royce is on the verge of completing two major aero jet engine deals designed to ensure the future of the company up to the year 2000 and beyond.

The first, which may be signed this week, involves the sale to China of Spey engines and sufficient technology to enable the Chinese to make these engines themselves.

The second deal involves a partnership with the big American manufacturer Pratt and Whitney, and *to a lesser extent* with the West German company of Motoren und Turbinen Union and Fiat of Italy, to design, develop and eventually manufacture a new engine with a thrust of about 10 tons.

Completion of both deals has been actively pursued over the past two years by the board of Rolls under the chairmanship of Sir Kenneth Keith, against the background of the knowledge that the company now badly needs big projects to follow the RB 211—the cost of the development of which made Rolls bankrupt and *resulted in nationalization* in 1971.

Technical problems with the 211 are now overcome: more powerful versions are being developed and a modest profit may be made on it. But sales of the Lockheed TriStar airbus, which the 211 was largely designed to power, are slow, and other projects are vital if the level of the workforces is to be maintained.

The Chinese and Pratt and Whitney deals are thus crucial for the long-term future of Rolls-Royce.

Their successful conclusion will be used by advocates of the Government's plan to nationalize the British aircraft industry as a prime example of how aerospace companies in the public sector can *sell themselves and their products overseas*, and in the case of P & W, to a massive and very hard-headed private enterprise company.

The deal with the Chinese will be a particularly good one for Rolls in that the Spey is an engine which has been in service for 10 years with all the development costs already met. No figure has been officially placed on the contract, but it is likely to run into several hundred million pounds.

The Chinese will take engines "off the shelf" initially, but under Rolls tuition will learn to make them for their Trident airliners and military aircraft.

Developing a 10-ton engine for a generation of airliners which will be flying in the 1990s, but which have yet to be designed, will need an outlay of at least £250m, a third of which will have *to come from* Britain.

The Government is apparently in favour of the deal in general terms, but the Treasury, with memories of the RB211 financial débacle, still have to be convinced that the taxpayer will not be asked for further large sums once development is under way, and that there will be an eventual return from sales of the engine, coded the JT10D, on the investment.

BP and Gulf compelled to charter Kuwaiti tankers

By Our Energy Correspondent

British Petroleum and Gulf Oil must charter six tankers—four of them over 200,000 tons—from the Kuwait Oil Tanker Co as part of the agreement under which the two companies surrender their remaining 40 per cent equity holding in the Kuwait Oil Co.

The two companies will also have to buy bunker fuel from Kuwait for the tankers. The *Middle East Economic Survey* says that Kuwait has driven a hard bargain with the companies over the complete state takeover of KOC.

As well as compelling the companies to use Kuwaiti tankers, the government refused to give them favoured buyer credit terms or to pay more than "commercial rates" for the technical aid they needed from the companies to keep the industry operating smoothly.

Ensuring that national tanker fleets do not suffer in *the worldwide depression in the shipping* market, is now a regular feature of oil sales agreements in the Middle East, and will mean there is even less work for BP and Gulf's own tanker fleets.

Under the agreement signed *at the beginning of the month*, BP and Gulf will buy 950,000 barrels a day for five years at a discount of 15 cents. The tanker obligations will last for five years and the bunker fuel oil buying requirements amount to 1.5 per cent of the total crude oil liftings, according to *MEES*.

Compensation paid by Kuwait for a 60 per cent *share of KOC*, given up by the companies in 1974, was $112m (AP-Dow Jones reports from New York). Compensation for the 40 per cent given up under the new agreement was only $50.5m.

Our Industrial Correspondent writes: World shipyards have lost orders for nearly 48 million tons deadweight of new tanker tonnage as a result of cancellations by shipowners since last autumn. During November a further 1.1 million tons of orders were either cancelled or were subject to negotiations.

But while new orders are increasingly hard to come by for the shipyards, the world's shipbuilders are still delivering new tankers to the already oversized fleet. So far this year the shipping industry has accepted over 37 million tons of new tanker tonnage.

According to the latest monthly survey of the shipping scene by H. P. Drewry (Shipping Consultants) idle tanker tonnage rose slightly at the end of November to just under 38 million tons dwt although the *overall level of tonnage laid up* for lack of employment was closer to 44 million tons dwt if combined carrier tonnage is included.

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New concept of parities narrows UK growth gap

By Melvyn Westlake

Britain's economic performance in recent years may not have trailed so far below that of other major countries as is commonly supposed.

Recent studies by the United Nations suggest that the traditional methods of making international comparisons have exaggerated the gap between per capita gross domestic product in this country and that in seemingly high-performance nations like West Germany, France and Japan.

Mr Jack Hibbert, chief statistician at the Central Statistical Office has developed this theme in the latest edition of *Economic Trends*. His figures appear to question a number of conventional beliefs.

They indicate, for example, that the West German per capita gross domestic product was only about 24 per cent *greater than Britain's in 1973*, compared with the generally accepted view that it was some 80 per cent higher.

The key to this discrepancy is the precise way that international comparisons are made. *The practice generally followed* is to convert national statistics to a single currency, usually the dollar, on the basis of the market exchange rate.

However, exchange rates do not necessarily reflect the relative purchasing power of national currencies in terms of the goods and services available in the countries being prepared. This is because the supply and demand for foreign currencies arises from the exchange between countries of only some of the goods and services which are sold on the domestic *market, and from various* capital transactions.

But economists and statisticians have come to the rescue with a concept called "purchasing power parities" (PPP).

Although not entirely new, this concept seems to be getting more attention. Under the PPP method, conversion to the dollar is achieved by measuring a wide range of goods and services in terms of the national currencies, adjusted to allow for the spending patterns within those countries.

The United Nations study suggests that the uses of exchange rates rather than PPP for making international comparisons resulted in an understatement of French GDP in 1970 of 20 per cent, Britain by 25 per cent and West Germany by 14 per cent (taking *the United States GDP* as equalling 100).

However, because the task of gathering all the international information is so huge, the United Nations study, called the *International Comparisons Project*, ends at 1970.

Mr Hibbert has updated the figures to 1973, thus taking account of a period that includes many violent exchange rate changes.

As a result Britain, Italy and Japan all show up better when compared through the agency of *PPP* than when compared *through direct conversion at* the exchange rate. By contrast, France and West Germany fare less well on the PPP measure.

Hence, the West German per capita GDP is shown to be 24 per cent greater than Britain's, rather than 80 per cent bigger; France's per capita GDP is also shown to be 25 per cent higher, rather than 60 per cent; and Japan's 8½ per cent rather than 24 per cent better. The Italian per capita GDP is, on the other hand, shown to be 24 per cent lower than Britain's, rather than 22 per cent.

Equally interesting, perhaps, the United Nations study shows that the difference revealed between PPP and exchange-rate measurements is even more marked when the comparisons are between developing and less developed countries.

PER CAPITA GDP IN 1973 (US=100)

	Conversion to US$ using PPP	Exchange rate
France	74	78
Germany	73	90
Italy	44	41
Japan	64	[illegible]
United Kingdom	59	50

Clearers aim to increase charges

Christopher Wilkins
nking Correspondent

Applications to raise the vel of bank charges are be- ved to have been submitted the Price Commission by me of the clearing banks ring the past few days.

The applications have been ade despite the breakdown of lks between the commission d the banks over the inter- etation of the Prices Code. ter several months of talks, e commission has refused to ve way to the case mounted the banks, and it now seems most certain that the clear- s will make a joint submis- n to the Government for anges to be made in the code. Confidence is high among e banks that, even without e concessions they had ught, they still have plenty scope to increase certain arges under the terms of the de as presently interpreted This is mainly because there s been no general increase bank charges since Novem- r 1972, and as far as per- arges for maintaining current counts have fallen.

Costs, particularly of wages, have been rising fast and in sonal banking is concerned, *some areas, such as trustee and executor work, the banks have recently been incurring losses*.

Each bank is required to make its own submission, and some have already done so, but there are certain common areas where increases in charges are likely to be sought.

These generally come under the heading of money transmission services, covering such items as charges for cheques, the taking in of cash and standing orders and other areas where bangs move substantial sums around. Trustee and executor services are also likely to be included.

If the higher charges are approved, they are expected to affect only the banks' corporate customers and those private individuals who use certain specialist services. It is most unlikely that the tariff on personal current accounts will be affected.

Until recently, the banks had concentrated their attentions on trying to persuade the commission that any assessment of the banks for the purposes of putting up charges should exclude current accounts.

They argued that a specific understanding to this effect *had been agreed with the Treasury* and the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection before the code was formulated. Their contention was that the benefits from free current account funds should be used to keep down the cost of borrowing.

The commission took the view that the return earned on current account funds should be taken into consideration when

It pointed to paragraph 117 of the code which says: "In comparing net profit margins with reference levels, account should be taken of the total profitability of the non-interest business of the enterprise in determining the permitted level of charges".

For the time being, the clearers are *believed to have* abandoned their attempts to change the commission's mind, concentrating instead on formulating a collective submission aimed at bringing the code into line with the banks' original understanding of it.

M & S issues eceipts to cut hoplifting

y Patricia Tisdall

Marks & Spencer is tighteng up security arrangements in move to cut down increasing sses caused by shoplifting. & S has always been a prime rget for thieves because of its olicy of easy refunds.

This meant that shoplifters ould obtain the full retail lue of the goods they had olen.

After successfully experimentg with a system of issuing ceipts, the company plans to troduce the method in a umber of stores before the end the year. Under the new stem, a customer will have to resent a receipt with the goods efore he is entitled to a refund.

M & S has previously avoided suing receipts, except for oods costing £10 or more.

Third World cuts textile lead of industrial nations

Geneva, Dec 7.—Declining production in the industrialized countries and generally falling employment contrasted with a sharp rise in the value of world textile and clothing trade last year, according to a preliminary report by the secretariat of the General *Agreement on Tariffs and Trade*.

In the industrialized area, production of textiles dropped by 4 per cent, clothing by 3.5 per cent and employment between 1 and 22 per cent in various countries, while the total value of their exports increased by 22 per cent to $16,670m (about £8,335m) for textiles and clothing together.

This compared with a world export total of $32,100m, an increase of about 24 per cent over 1973.

The developed countries retained *their position* as principal exporters of textiles, accounting for an unchanged trade value share of 62 per cent, but last year their share in world exports of clothing fell from 35 per cent in 1973 to 33 per cent.

As a result of increased output in the Third World, production of textiles worldwide remained almost unchanged from 1973, while that of clothing increased moderately. But the developing countries' exports of textiles and clothing *showed a 29 per cent* rise on the year to a total value of $11,360m.

The report, which is still restricted, was drawn up by the secretariat of Gatt for a recent meeting.—Reuter.

Knitwear survey shows slide in profitability

Substantial decreases in profitability and almost stagnant sales levels are among the main features to emerge from a detailed investigation of the country's leading hosiery and knitwear companies over the past three years.

A detailed study* of 60 com*panies over the three years to* the end of April this year shows that while the value of sales of the companies involved rose by 34 per cent the rate of sales growth, particularly in the second half of the period, fell off considerably.

A large and increasing pro*portion of the sales growth* reflected higher prices and the study concluded that in real terms there had been "precious little growth".

* *Knitwear and Hosiery, ICC Business Ratios, price £34.*

Shipbuilders fear unfair trading by state yards

Britain's shipbuilding indus- y, most of which is to be bsorbed into the nationalized ritish Shipbuilders organiza- ion, is concerned that the Air- raft and Shipbuilding Indus- ries Bill, which begins its ommittee stage this week, lacks rovisions for a right of appeal gainst unfair trading by the ew state body.

Many smaller shipbuilders nd repairers will remain out- ide the control of the state organization. The smaller com- panies include the Drypool Group on Humberside, which *the Government* has decided not to nationalize. Harland & Wolff in Belfast, which although in government ownership will not be part of British Shipbuilders, is another company which could be affected.

Areas of special danger have *already been highlighted* by the shipbuilders, who have supplied Opposition MPs with a detailed brief of the industry's case.

They have made it clear that the new corporation should not try to get orders by quoting uneconomic prices on vessels which could also be built by the private sector.

Equally, the industry has *stressed that* the new state shipbuilding body should not seek preference over the private sector in relation to work from the Ministry of Defence, other government departments or the nationalized sector. The shipbuilders want assurances that present purchasing procedures will be honoured.

One particular source of worry to the shipbuilders which would remain outside government control is that the new state body might seek preferential treatment in the allocation and pricing of steel from the British Steel Corporation.

US Steel plea against EEC rivals

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Dec 7

United States Steel Corporation is urging its 170,000 employees to write to President Ford and leading congressmen to demand measures for the protection of the home market from steel imports.

It has in mind, particularly, steel products from Britain, France, Italy, West Germany, Holland, Luxembourg and Belgium.

The company maintains that the governments of these seven European Economic Community countries are unfairly supporting steel exports to the United States with subsidies of up to 30 per cent.

United States Steel, which lost a battle with the Treasury to impose countervailing duties on steel imports from these EEC countries, is now greatly extending the scale of its protectionist campaign.

The company announced in a special edition of its house magazine, distributed to all employees, that it hopes to win the campaign against the Europeans.

It will bring charges against them in the United States Customs Court and by "an intensive educational campaign with both the executive and legislative branches of our government to convince both elected and appointed officials of the substantial danger to the American economy".

Steel importing companies maintain that the new campaign is the strongest ever launched in America. The opportunity that United States Steel is grabbing at is provided by the new Trade Act, which for the first time permits a company to challenge in the courts a Treasury ruling on a countervailing duty complaint.

In a statement to employees, Mr E. B. Speer, chairman of United States Steel, says: "We are going to court, and I think it is important for you and other members of United States Steel to communicate with President Ford."

Mr Speer argues that it is basically unfair that the company is having to compete against foreign governments who directly control steel companies.

He maintains that steel imports in the last decade have had a "devastating effect" on the economy and it "is grossly unfair to expect American workers to join the ranks of the unemployed in order to provide jobs for foreign labour".

United States steel contends that European governments are striving to live up to commitments to ensure full employment by supporting exports using *all* manner of means.

These include rebating taxes, granting low interest rates on loans and guaranteeing markets, thus violating Gatt agreements and gravely endangering the future of the American steel industry.

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Lending rate 11½ pc

The Bank of England's minimum lending rate is being held unchanged this week at 11½ per cent. The following are the results of Friday's Treasury Bill Tender:

Applications [illegible] Allotted [illegible]
Bids at [illegible] Received [illegible]
Prev week [illegible]
Aver rate [illegible] Received [illegible]
Prev week [illegible]
Next Friday [illegible] Replace [illegible]

SCAPA GROUP
INTERIM REPORT

Half year to 30th September	1975	1974
	£000's	£000's
Turnover	[illegible]	[illegible]
Profit before taxation	[illegible]	[illegible]
Taxation	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interim Dividend	[illegible]	[illegible]

Payable 30th January 1976

The Group's performance during the period must be judged against a background of [illegible] conditions in worldwide markets. Although the profit is reduced from the record level of 1974, the Group has done well in comparison with its international [illegible].

During the second half the Group [illegible] to a limited extent from the early stages of [illegible] the United States' economy. This may [illegible] however, by the continuation of the recession [illegible] papermaking areas including Europe where it is not [illegible] cal to forecast when an improvement in the situation will occur.

It is expected that dividends for the [illegible] year will be at least equal to those paid in the [illegible].

Scapa Group Limited [illegible]

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Relapse on Wall Street

Despite some uncertainty on Thursday, the London stock market has shown no sign of undue perturbation over the relapse on Wall Street last week. Thus the FT Index ended the week 10.3 points to the good while the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by an abnormally large 41.9 points to close at 818.8, its lowest since the beginning of October. This, moreover, in the week after President Ford finally committed himself to some measure of federal aid to New York.

But while there is arguably still scope for the London market to anticipate further bullish economic news—progressive easing in the inflation rate, and perhaps even some cuts in government spending, for example—the feeling in New York is that there is precious little to come in the near term that can justify a breakout from the 820-860 band where it has been trapped in a sideways movement for the past two months.

The non-reaction to New York's rescue shows how fully that particular piece of news had been discounted, and for the rest the euphoria about economic recovery which drove the market up to its peak of 881.8 in mid-July is now seen as much too over-optimistic. The third quarter recovery is viewed more as a period of substantial once-off re-stocking by industry than as providing any indication of strong underlying revival. Lead indicators were slightly down in both September and October, and Citibank was last week forecasting no sustained upturn until the spring.

In the meantime, despite the consolidation of bank prime rates, at the lower level of 7¼ per cent, the general slide in interest rates apparent in October and November appears to have halted.

But there are still few observers who question that the market is fundamentally in a bull phase and that sooner or later it will break out of its present lethargy. In this respect it is significant that there has been an appreciable relative fall from grace of a number of yesteryear's growth stocks and a shift back into the kind of cyclical industrials which are expected to see early benefits from economic recovery when it comes.

For example, an analysis of third quarter investments by the powerful bank trust departments showed General Motors as the second most prominently bought stock in the market after Continental Oil. Throughout this year the trust departments have been building up their holdings in *sectors like oil refining*, chemicals, electricals, steels and cars. By contrast holdings in the glamour office equipment sector have been much reduced, as have holdings of utilities.

Investment finance

NEDO's new committee

Reaction in the City to the setting up last week of a Committee on Finance for Investment, under the aegis of Neddy, appears to have been a mixture of apprehension and scepticism.

There was apprehension about whether this was the thin end of the wedge as far as official direction of institutional investment is concerned, and scepticism as to whether the formation of yet another committee could be expected to serve anything other than purely bureaucratic ends.

So far as one is able to judge, the first ground for suspicion is not well founded. Certainly the NEDO, whose brainchild this latest committee is, favours a policy of incentives rather than coercion in order to channel more institutional funds into manufacturing investment.

On the second point, of whether the committee will actually achieve anything (other than spawning sub-committees and working parties, as one fund manager rather cynically put it), there does seem to be reason for thinking that its membership is more than just a series of high-level sinecures.

The Committee on Finance for Investment is, of course, different from the various working parties, committees and ginger groups which had been set up within the City's confines over the past few years. For it brings together for the *first time in any permanent investment forum*, industry, the City, government, and the trades unions.

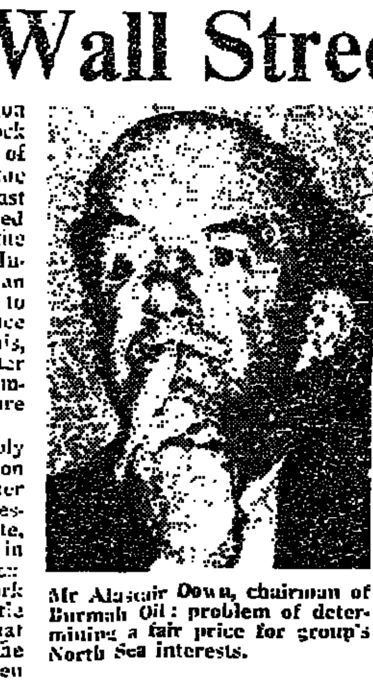
Quite apart from the invaluable and indispensable educational function which this should perform—the absence of which has tended to set a seal of suspicion or even acrimony on relationships between the sectors—the new committee is likely to have an impetus and motivation which none of its predecessors had. The Government has already identified, albeit rather nebulously, the areas of industrial activity it wishes to promote and the question of how to achieve this, other than through the limited media of the NEB and of planning agreements, must be one that the new committee will concern itself with.

Trades unions will have their own objectives and priorities in this respect, as will industry itself. The job of the new forum will be to find out whether these coincide with the investment community's own priorities and, if not, where a nexus is to be found.

NEDO would argue that ending the anomaly between the tax treatment of gilt-edged securities and industrial fixed interest instruments in institutional hands should typify the approach of incentive rather than coercion. Gross fund status is after all limited to pension and general annuity funds and tax concessions on industrial fixed interest securities could render them attractive to the generality of institutional investors.

North Sea Oil

Valuing assets



Mr Alastair Down, chairman of Burmah Oil: problem of determining a fair price for group's North Sea interests.

The Government's offer to buy all or part of Burmah's North Sea assets "at a fair price to be negotiated on an arm's length basis" is not easily capable of being implemented in the obviously equitable way that the phrasing might suggest. There is so little by way of precedent for this sort of exercise against which to measure the "fairness" of a sale, on an arm's length or any other basis.

Just about the only precedent was the sale earlier this year to the German grouping, Deminex, of Union Pacific's 19 per cent interest in the Thistle field, where Burmah has a 16 per cent interest. That sale was made at a discount of around 45 per cent on the net present value put on it by stockbrokers Wood Mackenzie. WM's valuation of Burmah's Thistle stake at £46m, and of the group's 21 per cent stake in Ninian at £34m, are also on this basis.

WM defines this "net present value" as that value which will accrue to a company provided that the company sees its *North Sea project through to* its logical end, in other words the exhaustion of recoverable reserves. So it is discounting the stream of future earnings back to the present date and putting a capital value on them. No outside buyer would be likely to buy those interests at that capital value unless he thought the earnings capable of some uplift not already discounted in the price. Given the expected life of North Sea fields, a parallel would be buying a share on a p/e of 20 or a modest earnings yield of 5 per cent without hope of any subsequent rise in the price.

The buyer will thus apply a discount over the capitalized value of the future stream of earnings and, without any real market in North Sea assets, it is very hard to judge as yet what that discount is likely to be. In view of Burmah's position the discount might well be higher than in the Deminex deal, with little to say whether it was "fair" or capable of being measured against other "arm's length" deals. If the capital-raising difficulties encountered by some smaller groups in the North Sea are anything to go by, however, we may see more test cases as the larger consortiums move in to acquire assets otherwise unlikely to be exploited.

Textiles

In America and Europe

The upturn in the United States economy, though it has yet to prove that it can be sustained, appears to be resulting in a particularly sharp increase in profitability in the North American textile industry. Stuck fast in the gloom of falling synthetic fibres prices until just six months ago, some major United States textile companies are now talking about soaring earnings and difficulties in matching production to demand.

In Europe, however, the textile industry is unlikely to show such a spectacular recovery until perhaps mid-1976. European fibre producers have been slower than America to feel recovery because of continued depressed demand by end-users. In Britain, the major fibre producer, Courtaulds, whose results have been buoyed up by exceptionally lucrative export contracts for over a year, will now be feeling the draught of international decline in demand.

But Coats Patons and Tootal, with their substantial United States interests, should be better placed to take benefits from the North American upturn, while Carrington Viyella could be a major beneficiary of any import controls on items such as shirts—where it is particularly strong in branded products that suffer especially from lower-priced imports.

In the European market, while there may be some artificial recovery as stock situations normalize after heavy destocking during the past 12 months, producers must ultimately rely on a real upturn in demand for textile-orientated goods. With pay restraint, and the spectre of higher unemployment, this is clearly going to take some time to materialize.

Hugh Stephenson

And what about participation at Chrysler?

Many words have already been written and spoken about the Chrysler affair and there will be many more to come. For the long-running industrial and political drama brings together so many issues at the same time that it is bound to go down in contemporary history as a watershed.

Domestically, it is as critical a test of this Government's industrial policy as was the Rolls-Royce crisis for the Heath government in 1971. There is also, because of Linwood, the extra Scottish nationalist dimension to the problem. Internationally, it raises in an unusually crude form the issue of the conflicts of interest between a national government and the management of a major international corporation.

Whatever the outcome, it will not be possible in future to claim that major subsidiaries of international companies are in the same position, vis-à-vis their host governments, as a domestic company.

For the moment, however, my point is limited to a more specific area, namely the relevance of the affair to the present debate about employee consultation and employee participation in the affairs of the company for which they work. There is a general view that "improvements" need to be made in this field in this country, even if there is no general agreement on the model to be adopted.

On the side of organized labour there is today probably even less of a formal consensus in favour of worker representation and the introduction of two-tier boards for public companies than there was in 1973 and 1974, when the TUC produced its Interim Report and the Labour Party its Green Paper, accepting such ideas in principle.

Those who prefer the perpetuation of the "us and them" system of confrontation for their own purposes have asserted themselves in the meanwhile against the then TUC establishment, as have those who consider that the only proper function of trade unions is the representation of their members' interest through free collective bargaining.

On the employers' side there is probably more of the conviction, based on a judgment of enlightened self-interest, that employees must be more closely involved in the fabric of the companies for which they work. Even here, there is less conviction that British company law has to be changed on the lines of German or Dutch company law, of the draft EEC Fifth Directive for a European Company Statute, than was the case, say, two years ago.

It remains true, however, that on both sides of industry most would still subscribe to the minimum statement contained in the 1973 Conservative White Paper on reform of company law (and partially embodied in Mr Peter Walker's Companies Bill, which failed, because of the 1974 election, to reach the statute book) that employees should have an appropriate opportunity to influence decisions that closely affect their interests.

Whatever needs to be said about Chrysler UK's poor industrial relations record and the contribution which this made to Mr Riccardo's decisions about the British subsidiary, it cannot be claimed that the company's British employees have been invited much to express their views on their industrial future. Indeed there have been moments when it seemed as if the company's British senior management, too, was waiting powerlessly for the outcome of a game of poker that was being played out across a higher table.

It is still impossible not to conclude that these things are better organized in, say, West Germany. Since 1952 all German joint stock companies above a certain size have had supervisory boards, with one third being workers' representatives. It seems likely that before the next federal election this proportion will be increased to a half.

German employers almost without exception say that this regime has been a major contribution to social harmony. There are new anxieties about the establishment of parity for workers in supervisory boards, mainly of a legal nature (for Germans are a very legalistic people). But with the assumption that workers should be treated as members of the company for which they work, there has long been no argument. They cannot understand why it should still be a hot debate here.

Lessons to be learnt from the local government spending explosion

Last month the Government took steps to restrain further rapid growth. It announced that the proportion of local government spending met by the rate support grant, which is the main form of assistance from central government, would be reduced by 1 per cent to 65.5 per cent.

It seems timely to consider the structure of local government finance. Wilful extravagance cannot be the sole explanation of recent events. Apart from the prestige and salary perks of bureaucratic empire-building, local government officers have little to gain personally from higher spending.

What has prompted the large increase in spending? What, if anything, should be done to ensure that the events of the last two years are not repeated in future?

There are two main reasons for the spending explosion—inflation and more fundamental weaknesses of administrative structure. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that the inflation of the last two years would have hit local authorities very severely, however efficient their systems of cost control and however conscientious their efforts to contain expenditure.

It should also be said that the structural problems are common to all large bureaucratic organizations, although they exist in heightened form in local government.

The inflationary environment caused trouble—and was certain to cause trouble—because of its effect on wages and interest charges. Both kinds of cost have a major bearing on the behaviour of local government expenditure.

The services provided by local government are highly labour-intensive, with wage costs accounting for more than half of total current expenditure. Teachers' salaries should be singled out because they are the largest single item in local authority budgets.

For all of 1974 and much of 1975 pay was rising more quickly than prices. Any labour-intensive activity would show cost increases above average in these circumstances. But the problem was actually rather worse than this.

A sequence of deliberate policy decisions caused the pay of local government employees to grow more than that of the majority of the occupied population. The £400m Houghton award for teachers and the "social contract" policy of helping low-paid workers, *which was of special benefit to* local authority manual workers, should be isolated as particularly inflationary.

Debt charges are another large item—about 11 per cent—of current expenditure. They are particularly sensitive to inflation because, when the rate of price increases doubles, the rate of interest is liable to do the same.

The most spectacular effect of higher interest rates has been on housing revenue accounts. It is no exaggeration to say that these have gone haywire in the last two years and, in the overwhelming majority of local authorities, the deficits are now out of control. There is no way of restoring even a semblance of financial order in the short run.

The main receipts on housing revenue accounts are council house rents and the main outgoings are debt charges, mostly to meet interest payments. For political reasons rents have been held down in the last 18 months.

The differential impact of inflation on the two sides of the account has, therefore, been extreme. Debt charges have soared, particularly for authorities with large building programmes, while there has been no adequate offsetting rise in receipts. The lurch into deficit has made it difficult for the central government to resist demands for assistance to cover them.

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The rapid inflation of 1973-75 goes a long way towards explaining the spending explosion. The scale of the explosion, when measured in terms of money spent rather than resources employed, was exceptional and it is unlikely to continue much longer.

But there are more permanent problems. Local government spending in real terms has risen much more quickly in the last decade than national income as a whole. Whatever the electorate's views *on the desirability of* further growth there is widespread scepticism that any strong check will be introduced in the near future.

The resulting financial problem is serious because the principal source of local government revenue, apart from central government grants, is rate income. But the rates system is coming under increasing pressure and many observers have argued that it will be unable to generate a yield large enough to meet local government's growing commitments.

The Layfield Committee is at present considering the right answer to this dilemma. It is possible that a local income tax will be recommended, although the hostility to the idea from taxpayers will, on this perhaps unique occasion, be reinforced by hostility from the Inland Revenue. The Revenue authorities are believed to be strongly opposed to any further proliferation of fiscal burdens and extra administrative disturbance.

It is a reasonably safe assumption that the essentials of the present system will continue for many years to come. The question is not, therefore, one of wholesale reform, but rather of adjustments to improve its operation.

At present over 60 per cent of local government current expenditure is covered by the rate support grant from the central government. This has tended to weaken financial discipline as authorities behave as if the Department of Environment were always available as a spender of last resort.

There are two major defects. The first is that, like most public spending authorities, local government plans in real terms.

The rate support grant is initially estimated with these plans and a forecast of inflation for the forthcoming 12 months in mind. If inflation is much different from this forecast a revision is made during the financial year.

With price increases at more than 10 per cent a year this system becomes extremely difficult to operate. Local authorities are prone to overstate the going rate of inflation as a bargaining posture in their negotiations with the Department of the Environment. County finance departments do not know early in the year how much money they are going to have at the end and therefore have an incentive to exaggerate the situation.

The imposition of cash limits on the rate support grant last month has effectively terminated this system and restored that which existed before 1966. It was a very necessary step. There should be no backsliding to the "real terms plus inflation" method.

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The second defect is that the rate support grant is calculated by a complicated equation which has developed over the years as a consequence of historical accidents and ad hoc administrative decisions. Its structure is such that certain forms of "overspending"—to use the word loosely—are paid for by the central government.

If local government spending is to be constrained it is essential that the most powerful check of all, the electorate's disapproval of an increasing rates burden, should be brought into play. This can only be done if 100 per cent of "overspending" has to be paid for from rate income and not from the rate support grant.

But the formulation of the equation is such that any increase in rate income at the local level is automatically matched by an increase in the sums available from the rate support grant. Thought should be given to adjusting the equation in order to remove this deficit.

Some simplification of the "needs" side of the equation should also be considered. For example, in the last financial year seven criteria of need justified money from the central government. Some, such as the number of social workers, would appear to weaken the incentive to restrict spending, because there is no new rates burden when more social workers are recruited.

These are not exciting suggestions, but local government finance is not an exciting subject. A shift from reliance on the rate support grant to rates proper should be given priority in the next two or three years.

In the first six months of the present financial year the grant has been 77 per cent up on the first six months of the 1974-75 financial year. But rate payments in the 1974-75 year were 1.74 per cent of personal income, compared to 1.94 per cent in 1970-71.

In the medium-term future it is vital that the local electorate be made to know how much extra services are costing and that they be given a chance to express their feelings through the ballot box. The present split of financial responsibility between the central government and local authorities does very little to encourage care in expenditure and should not be taken much further.

But a major upheaval of local government is not what is needed. After the traumas of reorganization the adoption of completely new systems of financial control, particularly those involving more centralization, would depress morale in local government and cause more harm than good.

Tim Congdon

A technological revolution in American banking habits

Frank Vogl

The time is swiftly approaching, for Americans at least, when trips to local bank branches will become a rarity.

Instead it will be possible *for most people to execute* much of their normal banking business on the telephone, with just a few things to be done via an electronic terminal that can be located in an office building or a supermarket or any public place.

Journeys to the bank will be necessary only to acquaint oneself with the local banker, discuss investments and seek advice, and to place something of value in a safe deposit box.

Banking conferences in the United States these days are increasingly becoming the venues for computer and technology experts to assemble. Whenever one meets bankers it seems that the talk swiftly turns to "EFTS" which, for the layman, means "Electronic Funds Transfer Systems". Such systems have now been developed by a host of big United States banks and some are ready to install full and highly ingenious operations.

According to Mr Chancey Schmidt, president of the First National Bank of Chicago, "the EFTS *technology* is here, and it will continue to improve and change—the regulatory environment is changing in an erratic but positive way—and marketing experiments continue and the pioneers will soon find substantial opportunities".

The system launched by Mr Schmidt's bank is an illustration of the immense revolution that is now taking place in banking. The technology appears to be virtually complete and all that is now needed is the education programme to familiarize the public at large with the ways in which bank transactions can be simplified.

The public may at first be reticent to work directly with computers, rather than with human tellers, but most American bankers appear confident that in time the public will be only too happy to adapt to the changes.

The electronic systems provide a host of advantages to the public. Not only will trips to bank branches become unnecessary, but bank charges might be cut, bank services improved and bank transactions will be possible around the clock seven days a week.

To the banks themselves the electronic systems will sharply reduce personnel costs and, even more important, they will speed clearance operations and so increase the overall volume of funds in the banking system at any one time. The electronic systems can also prove to be a new hazard for bank robbers and a more accurate means of determining the state at any given moment of a bank's total balances.

A full electronic system, as designed by First Chicago, would involve an on-line computer processing system, automatic teller machines, point of sale terminals, a communications network, a switching computer, plastic identification cards and a marketing programme.

The best way of describing what these components of the package are all about is to see what they will do for the average customer.

The American telephone system is far in advance of the British system and dialing in the United States is in many places almost unheard of today. Most telephones are now of the touch-tone variety, where the telephone consists of a board of numbers that one just presses.

The standard touch-tone telephone system can be directly connected to a computer in a bank and can be used to settle a good number of banking transactions.

By telephone the American will be able to find out what his bank balance is, transfer funds between accounts, draw on credit lines, pay assorted types of bills and largely avoid having to write and mail cheques.

A typical telephone transaction would work like this:

● The customer telephones his bank's central computer.

● On his touch-tone telephone he punches in his account number and a special personal identification number given him by his bank (this is a secret number that will prevent other people from using the account).

● He can punch a series of inquiry codes that he will be given in a code book by his bank. For example, he might want to know the balance on his savings account so he presses a number that is coded for this question and his reply will come swiftly by use of a speaking computer.

● To know if a recently written cheque has been cashed he can use another inquiry code number plus the number of the cheque he is interested in.

● To pay bills the customer can punch a number on the telephone for the supplier (codes can be given by the bank for any number of people and firms to whom it is known the customer will be regularly sending cheques) and the amount to be paid. Should the bill for the grocer come to more than the balance on the customer's account then the computer will tell the customer this and ask him if he wants to make the payment from, say, his savings account, or by using a prearranged overdraft line or by using a credit card.

● The customer will be able to draw cash or insert deposits into his account via the point of sales terminals that a bank can place in shopping centres or apartment blocks or hotels.

Some bankers maintain that new electronic speaking computer systems will be able to negotiate new credit lines on the telephone.

For the customers' security, the computers will also be programmed to mail written verification to the customers of all orders that they have received.

The role of the bank teller seems to be diminishing and the new systems could well make many small bank branches obsolete, especially as the systems can also be devised for use in general commercial operations and even in facilitating some transactions between correspondent banking companies.

The day of the "EFTS" has almost arrived.

Business Diary in Europe: The general's mobilization

Six weeks after appointing Jacques Mayoux as head of Aerospatiale the French government has gone back on its decision. A few days ago it named instead General Jacques Mitterrand, Inspector General of the French air force until last May and brother of the socialist party leader.

The government finally preferred, as one commentator put it, a *disciplined* general to an *undisciplined* civilian to put *the 98* per cent state-controlled aircraft constructor, employing more *than 100,000,* back *on its feet financially.*

Mayoux, the man who in 10 years turned the Crédit Agricole into one of the leading French banks and who was a contemporary of President Giscard d'Estaing at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, had the reputation of a hard-headed financial wizard. He laid down three conditions before finally accepting the appointment—conditions which were judged unacceptable.

He had insisted that the future president of Aerospatiale should enjoy much wider powers of decision, without the interference at all levels of ministerial private offices and bureaucrats. He also required that appointments to the new board of the corporation should have his approval. He put forward among others the names of François Giscard d'Estaing, the director general of the government bank for foreign trade and a first cousin of the President, and of General Mitterrand.

A Giscard and a Mitterrand both on the same board at a time when the President is accused of flirting with the socialist party leader would have been the political joke of the year. But what finally broke the camel's back—or rather caused the government most alarm—was Mayoux's demand for a substantial upgrading of the president's salary.

He insisted that this should be aligned on those, three times higher or more, of the heads of the big nationalized banks.

Leading industrialists were reported to have been offered the Aerospatiale post, but declined. To put an end to the uncertainty, damaging for the firm, the defence minister proposed General Mitterrand.

On the face of it his appointment would seem to reinforce the control of the administration over Aerospatiale, rather than give it the freedom of action it needs to overcome its financial difficulties, against the background of a rather ill-defined government policy of aircraft construction. But General Mitterrand, who is now on the retired list, may prove the real "boss" the corporation needs.

Schadenfreude

While the rest of the world has quietly forgotten the Sachs Brothers' sale of nearly three-quarters of the family firm to Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, the issue continues to stir up great interest in West Germany.

It is not simply because Germany's only international *playboy*, Herr Gunter Sachs, is involved. It is also because the Germans, or at least the German media, tend to regard old-established family firms with the same awe that the British might devote to Stonehenge.

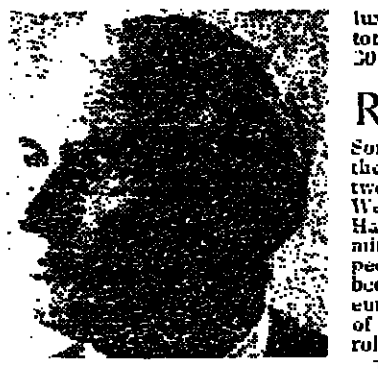
But, no matter how much the average German disapproved of the Sachs brothers' decision to sell the company that their father and grandfather made famous, he had the consolation of knowing that they would be taxed very heavily for it.

Or, at least, that was the case until the end of last week. Now it seems that he is to be deprived of even that Schadenfreude. It now looks *as if the Sachs brothers will* get away with their "few hundred millions less than 1,000 million marks" tax free.

The two brothers have been living in Switzerland for some years and if they can prove to the satisfaction of the authorities that they have been living there beyond the range of the German tax offices for at least five years, then, because of the terms of a double taxation agreement between the two countries and Swiss tax law itself, they will have to pay neither German nor Swiss tax on the estimated 600m to 700m Deutschemarks (about £113m to £132m) they will obtain from the GKN deal.

Swedish dynasty

Marcus Wallenburg, a legendary figure in the Swedish dynasty that has played a role in most of that country's leading companies, is now expected to retire as chairman of Skandinaviska Enskilda Bank at the annual meeting next March. He is now 76.



Marcus Wallenberg: a legend.

Enskilda Bank, the heart of the Wallenberg empire for more than a hundred years, merged with Skandinaviska Bank in 1972 to form the biggest banking concern in Scandinavia. The death of the brilliant son, Marc Wallenberg, was itself widely regarded as the end of an era in the dynasty story.

The Wallenberg flag will now be carried by another son, Peter. Now 49, he is a director of Skandinaviska Enskilda. He is not, however, to take over his father's mantle immediately. The new chairman is expected to be Lars-Erik Thunholm, the present managing director and chief executive.

But Peter is now effectively the inheritor of the Wallenberg interests. Often in themselves quite small, there is a Wallenberg holding in many leading Swedish companies including most with a multinational arm.

They include names like ASEA, Saab-Scania, SKF, Atlas Copco, L. M. Ericsson, Electrolux, Alfa-Laval and Astra. The total spread covers more than 30 different concerns.

Rome mystery

Some mystery still surrounds the alleged slanging match between Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, and Harold Wilson at the EEC summit in Rome. According to impeccable sources, Schmidt became impatient when Wilson embarked on an extended flight of fancy about Britain's future role as a member of Opec.

The Chancellor responded with a few home truths about the wretched present reality of Britain's economic performance, couched in his characteristically vigorous manner. The sense of his remarks is not disputed though the Germans deny there was a row.

Naturally, Wilson also denies any altercation with "my friend, Helmut", who, according to the Prime Minister, caused a minor disturbance during the summit by disgustedly tearing up a news agency report alleging an Anglo-German quarrel.

It was not clear, however, whether this gesture was supposed to signify Schmidt's disagreement with the contents of the report or his annoyance that the gist of exchanges with Wilson had been leaked.

As for Britain and Opec, some unkind Europeans pointed out that most of Opec's members depend largely or wholly on oil for their export earnings. Was the Prime Minister hinting that by 1980 Britain would be in the same position?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ritish progress with ıbstitute natural gas

ı Mr D. E. Rooke

Mr Swiss (December 3) is to draw attention to the ibution which Britain is dy making to research into ods of manufacturing sub- e natural gas from oil and He seems, however, un- pessimistic in his assess- of the natural gas re- s available to this country. isting contracts carry us towards the end of this ıry and there is evidence reserves in some known ; may be larger than at indicated. Moreover, it s highly likely that further ields will be found within British sector of the Con- ıtal Shelf, not only under North Sea but elsewhere off coasts, and that we shall ıccessful in negotiating new hase contracts with the vegians and others.

ıtwithstanding this more ırable picture than the one Swiss paints, it should be ıasized that British Gas has r ceased to take into con- ation the likelihood that will have to be manufac- d again one day and to do research it considers appro- te to that concept.

ıe policy which Britain has wed in the depletion of ral gas, unlike the United s and Holland, is designed afeguard supplies for the mium market"—notably estic and commercial cus- ers and industrial process :. Much gas sold to in- ry is on an "interruptible" ;, which enables the gas stry to meet peak demand ıe premium sector with less stment in storage and pipe- capacity than would other- be necessary.

ritish Gas technology in the duction of substitute natu- gas is well advanced. We e, in fact, acted as consult- ; in the design and construction of plants producing "pipeline quality gas" from oil feedstocks in the United States and a number of other countries. We expect this activity to continue, building up export business for ourselves and for British plant designers and manufacturers.

In Britain, the conversion of a number of existing "town gas" plants to SNG production for demonstration purposes as well as to provide a measure of short term peak load support has been under way for some time, and we are actively continuing research in this field.

The work which we do for United States sponsors at the British Gas Development Centre at Westfield is concerned with the development on a commercial scale of techniques for producing substitute natural gas from coal. This technology can almost certainly be economic in the United States with plentiful supplies of low-cost coal.

Britain will, of course, have access to this technology, but production of SNG from oil-based feedstocks is likely for a long time to come to be a more viable proposition, particularly as our use of SNG in the foreseeable future will be mainly for peak-shaving purposes.

But we do remain in touch with the technological developments in gasification in the United States—indeed as Mr Swiss mentions some of our engineers and scientists often play a direct part in these and there is surely nothing wrong with hoping to take advantage of the net expenditure of United States money on a "crash" programme necessitated by a profligate use of natural gas which our policy is designed to avoid.

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:ortgage 'gifts' to children

m Mr R. F. Moore

Now that inflation has ght so many in the net of te duty, some ways must be ght to escape as much as can. I offer the following to your readers.

he family house is—to the age man or woman—the ı which puts them into the te duty category. They are nitted to give £1,000 per *ım to each of their children,* are unable to do so as the is not available. Why not a £1,000 *mortgage* on the family house and if there are two children to whom it is intended to leave equal parts of the estate, then £4,000 per annum can be passed on without attracting CTT if the house is in joint names.

The legislation mutters something about the standard of living being maintained but this method will hardly alter one's choice of breakfast marmalade.

Yours faithfully,
R. F. MOORE,
37 Countess Wear Road,
Exeter, Devon, EX2 6LR.

Direct debit payments

From Mr M. J. Carpenter

Sir, The letter from Lord Moyne on direct debit payments (December 1) is extremely interesting as it spotlights a growing trend in settling accounts, which I feel should be resisted.

My oil distributors have just sent me their account and had the impertinence to forward to me a direct debit authority for "*unspecified amounts*". They wish me to sign this and return it to them to cover future deliveries of oil. If this type of authority becomes generally used then with the ever increasing escalation in costs, there will be no check on the amounts debited to a personal account. In effect they could pass any amount over the account at their discretion.

The comments of your readers on this matter would be most interesting.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. CARPENTER,
"Silver Birches",
36 Brownlow Road,
Croydon, Surrey.

A waste of energy . . .

From Mr P. Kingsley

Sir, Mr Varley stated in Parliament on Tuesday (December 2) that the aerospace industry could no longer afford the luxury of two groups, sometimes competing wastefully against each other in world markets.

May I suggest that Mr Benn heeds his words regarding the wasteful competition in our domestic energy market. We are constantly being told through some extremely expensive and wasteful advertising, of the advantages of gas, coal and electricity in our homes. A fine example of cooperation in the public sector. But to cap it all, the Government then spends a fortune asking us to "save it".

Yours faithfully,
PAUL KINGSLEY,
37 Bolingbroke Grove,
London SW11 6EJ.

Computers

From Mr J. E. Humphrey

Sir, While like many another I could instance some staggering examples of rough treatment by computers, I cannot exactly supply Mr Murray Laver (December 3) with his required set of facts to justify Mr George Hutchinson's strictures. But I can tell him that there are all too many people walking around who would endorse what the lady said to her bank manager on receiving her first computerized bank statement (and that erroneous): "For this as for other purposes I much prefer a man".

Yours faithfully,
J. E. HUMPHREY,
9 Offington Gardens,
Worthing, Sussex, BN14 9AT.

Mr Orme sets out to sell the virtues of N Ireland investment

Industry in the Regions

It seems a long time ago since ex-trade union official Ray Gunter described his job as Minister of Labour as a "bed of nails". The memory of his comment was revived over a lunch on Friday with Mr Stanley Orme, former Manchester shop steward, who is now Minister of State for Northern Ireland, with special responsibility for economic and industrial affairs.

If the old Ministry of Labour was a bed of nails, the Ulster berth must be one of red-hot coals. Mr Orme's own dry observation about it was that "certainly no one else seems to be queuing up to take it on".

But he retains a remarkable optimism in face of the fact that no minister from Westminster is likely to get much thanks from either community in Northern Ireland for "intervening" in the affairs of the Province, and this despite the fact that "intervention", this year will mean pumping into the six counties about £500m of aid, which compares with £50m in 1967—and is two-and-a-half times the figure for two years ago.

Huge job

Mr Orme was in Manchester to talk to a group of editors and other journalists about what he calls "the other side of the Northern Ireland coin". As it happened, his visit coincided with the announcement of the ending of detention, so inevitably for much of the time he was side-tracked from his main purpose.

However, one thing that emerged clearly was Mr Orme's conviction that the political and sectarian problems of Ulster can, in the final analysis, only be settled in Northern Ireland itself—and by Irishmen—and that this cannot be divorced from the huge job of restoring economic stability.

He made it clear that the very high level of economic aid for Northern Ireland will have to continue until this stability is achieved. In this context, the present Northern Ireland Finance Corporation will shortly be changed to the Northern Ireland Development Agency and become an agent of the National Enterprise Board.

It will have powers analogous to those of the board, and the development agencies for Scotland and Wales, and it will, Mr Orme said, have an exceptional role to play.

He added: "The creation of the development agency is a further indication of how Northern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom are being brought closer together economically. It should finally destroy the myth, for whatever reasons assiduously being put about, that the British Government is engaged on some Machiavellian plot to isolate the Northern Ireland economy.

"Nothing could be further from the truth. These patently untrue stories are very worrying for me because they do serious damage to both morale and investment—not easy to come by at the best of times."

At a time when male unemployment in Northern Ireland is running at 10.7 per cent and has reached 30 per cent in some localities, it is the struggle to secure new investment in the Province which is central to Mr Orme's task.

He says: "From the department of commerce I can offer the most generous package of assistance to industrialists available anywhere in Europe.

"We have vacant factories of a very high standard and capable of 300 per cent expansion. Some of these are rent-free and others have concession rents. We can offer grants of up to 40 per cent for capital expenditure and loans with interest relief.

"We are currently searching the world for new investment. Last year the department completed negotiations which could ultimately lead to the creation of more than 5,000 new jobs in Northern Ireland."

Long way

However, Mr Orme admits that there is still "a very long way to go" before investment levels are reached that will make a real impact on Northern Ireland's economic and unemployment problem.

Meanwhile he sees the vital task as that of trying to prevent further collapse and to generate as much growth potential as possible within Ulster's existing industrial base, often—as he is quick to point out—by a degree of direct state involvement in industry and exercises in practical industrial democracy that make some of Mr Wedgwood Benn's ideas look "pretty pale pink by comparison".

R. W. Shakespeare

FINANCIAL NEWS

Clark & Fenn opens with a 19pc advance

Another record year seems to be under way at Clark & Fenn (Holdings), the London-based maker of building products. Pretax profits for the six months to June 30 have risen 19 per cent from £410,000 to £488,000 on turnover up 32 per cent at £5.7m and Mr G. Vandervell, the chairman, says that while the board does not expect the second half to hold this rate of increase, profits for the whole year are unlikely to be less than the £977,000 record achieved in 1974.

On attributable profits up from £230,000 to £254,000, the interim dividend is raised from 1.16p to 1.54p and the year's total is expected to go up from 3.09p to 3.49p gross.

Mr Vandervell attributes the group's good showing to its position in a highly specialized area of the building industry and says that it has been able to withstand the severest effects of the industrial downturn.

Norwest Holst qualified

The accounts of Norwest Holst, the Lancashire-based civil engineering and building group, have been qualified on two counts by Price Waterhouse, the auditors. First, the group has exceeded its borrowing powers and secondly, the uncertain property market means that write-offs of £3.2m, and £600,000 cannot be judged to be adequate or excessive.

The accounts show a payment of £51,000 as compensation for loss of executive office.

Mr D. Le Mare, the chairman, says that he expects the group to surmount its problems, and that following a reduction in borrowings, the current return to profits will be sustained.

Last year a profit of £1.67m was turned into a loss of £3.8m.

Bellway confidence

In spite of the uncertainties of the looming Community Land Act, Mr Kenneth Bell, chairman of Bellway Holdings, is optimistic. The group has a strong land bank of 1,000 acres with planning permission, and a similar acreage *awaiting authorization. Investment* income this year is expected to rise from £768,000 to £900,000. The group is continuing its French operation, but development in Australia is marking time.

Manganese Bronze

In review with annual accounts, Mr R. Poore, the chairman of Manganese Bronze Holdings, says that the evident necessity for the NVT provisions was a heavy financial blow, although the loss can fortunately be met out of reserves, augmented by a new property revaluation. However, the interest cost at today's rate of some £¾m a year is too high a proportion of trading profit.

On the brighter side, trading prospects are good and worthwhile results must eventually flow through.

Hoechst dividend

A dividend cut cannot be avoided by Hoechst although turnover is now more stable. Last year the group paid DM8.50.

A further 3,000 workers are to go on short time from December 22 until January 4. These are mainly in the research and technical application departments. Around 24,000 of the group's workforce are now on short time.

Concentric bright

In spite of the general downturn in the economy, the board of Concentric is looking to the future with confidence. Mr D. Dodd, the chairman, says that given fair trading and production figures, he regarded a profit target of £2m as fully attainable within the next two or three years. Against the record £1.03m achieved in 1973. The new year has started quietly and he sees no reason why 1975-76 should not show further progress towards this goal.

Bolton confident

Mr Ivor Goletka, chairman of Bolton Textile Mill, says that the group has shown its resilience in the past to adverse economic trading conditions, and he is confident that it will advance its activities and show improved results in the future.

Maxlim Fashions

Maxlim Fashions has agreed to buy a half share of Nikki Stephens for £1 and a 65 per cent holding in Daniel Oliver for £65, from Mr Stephen Arnold. These are new companies with hardly any assets and no profit records. Mr Arnold will join the Maxlim board.

Smith and Nephew & Staveley this week

TODAY

Interims: Blyvooruitzicht Gold, Carclo Engineering, Durban-Roodepoort, Harold Ingram, H. C. Janes, James Latham, May and Hassell, WGI, Whitecroft, and Ben Williams and Co.

Finals: Authority Inv, Cronite Group, East Rand Proprietary, William Jacks, Management Agency and Music, Nottingham Brick, and Staveley Ind.

TOMORROW

Interims: Bambergers, British Cotton and Wool Dyers, Chapman (Balham), B. Fertleman and Sons, Hardy and Co, Scotcros, Smith and Nephew, Toothill, United British Secs, and United Gas Ind.

Finals: Baggeridge Brick, Hanson Tst, International Computer Hldgs, Kelsey Ind, K. Shoes, W. J. Pyke, Ransome Hoffmann Pollard, Record Ridgway, and Serck.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Arlington Motors, E. Austin and Sons (London), British Tar Products, Castings, Deritend Stamping, English Card Clothing, General Electric, Giltspur, R. and J. Pullman, Stonehill Hldgs, and Travis and Arnold.

Finals: Fredrick W. Evans, New Court European Tst, NSS, and John Williams of Cardiff.

THURSDAY

Interims: Assoc Television, Bassett Hldgs, Derritron, Dimplex Ind, Goldrei Foucard, Graham Wood Steel, Holyrood Rubber, Incledon and Lamberts, Hong Kong (Selangor) Rubber, Mitchell Somers, Phoenix Timber Co, Sangers Grp, Shaw Carpets, and Trafford Carpets.

Finals: Assoc Engineering, Burco Dean, Castlefield Rubber, East Daggafontein, Guinness, Liner Concrete Machinery, Lloyds and Scottish, North Midland Cons, Northern Foods, South African Land and Exporation, Vaal Reef, Western Deep Levels, Whessoe, and Bond Worth Hldgs.

FRIDAY

Interims: George Ewer and Co, Levers Optical, Peglar Hattersley and Jonas Woodhead and Sons.

Finals: Grootvlei Prop, Hunslet Hldgs, Arthur Lee and Sons, Marievale Consolidated, and United Spring and Steel.

Brokers' views

The shares in EMI came in for renewed demand last week as the City viewed the reception for the group's medical scanner at the Chicago symposium. The shares, which have rocketed this year, were helped by a recommendation from **Rowe & Pitman, Hurst-Brown.**

Rowe expects EMI to "dominate" the world market for medical scanners. It sees EMI profits rising from £43m to £50m before tax in 1975-76, and then soaring to the £90m area by 1980.

The Bank annual from **Wood, Mackenzie** observes that earnings should reach a trough this year and recover next year. But the rise is estimated to be below that of the average constituent of the FTA 500 share index. Rights issues, it reckons, are still possible. The broker does not foresee the bank sector showing relative price strength in the next few months. Lloyds, and National Westminster are preferred for portfolio weighting; Midland is thought to be fully priced.

Breweries have had an active week, with results from Bass Charrington. The short term, Sheppards & Chase thinks, is dominated by the results season now in full swing. Optimism is the keynote here, with the firm predicting profit rises in the 12 per cent to 25 per cent range.

But the longer term outlook, says Sheppards, is less certain.

Fielding, **Newson-Smith** also views breweries cautiously, apart from Grand Metropolitan, and Guinness who profits due this week could rise to around £24m.

Hart, Morris discusses the recent ship sales of John I. Jacobs. It forsees fundamental changes in the company but argues that the shares are overvalued.

Broker **de Zoete & Bevan** points to the exports, and overseas sales of Alfred Dunhill. The strongly covered but low yield is seen as the main investment draw-back but the shares are thought to be an interesting situation. **Montagu Loebl Stanley** advises United Kingdom holders of Kulim (Malaysia) to sell. As the company is now domiciled in Malaysia the shares are seen to be worth more to Malaysian funds than others.

ʌlanagement

Edited by Rodney Cowton

'he growing sense of ɔcial responsibility

cial responsibility" is fast ing the interest and support usiness corporations. Part ıe interest can be attributed ashion. A more important ıent is the increasing aware- that business must not only ınd itself in a frequently ile public arena, but also e a contribution towards ing some of the real prob- s of the society in which it ts.

ı this climate it is no longer icient to make a well- ertised donation to the chair- 's pet charity. A company t also examine itself to :e sure its behaviour and udes are consistent with its rnal acts and pronounce- ts. One organization which out to publish such "social its" of United Kingdom panies, looking at unwilling ıs from outside, changed its roach and discovered that it ; a team of about half-a- en people more than a year xplore just the attitudes in- a single cooperating com- y.

'alking the fine line between kill on this scale and the ich-like under-concern of past is the subject of a new :* by John Hargreaves and Dauman, who have learned hard way, inside a big multi- onal company.

auman and Hargreaves take he practical aspects of social ɔonsibility—like who pays it. From outside a company may make no difference :ther a worthy project is ded by the public relations artment, the personnel de- tment, the marketing depart- ıt or the chairman's "slush d".

ıside, though, such a deci- ı can spell life or death to activity. Hargreaves and ıman recommend a conser- ve approach, with marketing ing for activities which have sonably direct marketing efits and so on. Making no et of their commitment to cause, the authors make a ɔ: (albeit passionate) case business involvement in lic and social affairs, for sous well beyond marketing, employee relations.

'erhaps the most practical tion of the book for most :cutives will be the section how to manage public airs, and how to fit it within organization. The authors ticularly stress the use of siders—non-executive direc- s—at board level to insist on nging the broader social pic- e into normal business deci- ns, as well as to promote cor- ate involvement in outside ivities.

Such directors should have ll-identified contact points within the organization, the authors maintain. The corporate affairs organization they propose would have four main functions:

(i) Strategic planning for social responsibility.

(ii) Developing and managing the resulting programme.

(iii) Monitoring the company's performance.

(iv) Research and intelligence or "social and political intelligence".

Jan Dauman points out: "Most companies have fairly good economic intelligence systems. They have excellent market research departments and plenty of access to information about finance, technology and so on. But these days, survival can also depend just as much, or more, on social and political factors.

"*It is rather surprising* that most companies get information like this in a rather random way, from the newspapers, for example, when it may be too late to do anything about it—and the information is not distributed to the places where it's needed most. You really need an early-warning system about consumer trends, participation, industrial democracy, threats to private enterprise, the multinational picture and other subjects that fit your own situation."

Dauman left IBM in 1973 to start a new business, Matrix Consultants, to specialize in services like this. On December 1 this year his former boss John Hargreaves became a member of the Matrix board. The firm is now doing important jobs for four large clients and offering a social and political intelligence service to a number of others.

The intelligence concept may be self-reinforcing. Judging by the growing attention of leading companies, the more you learn about the harsh climate out there, the more likely you are to invest something in improving the situation.

For those who are already converted, the Hargreaves/Dauman book offers a practical set of blueprints, though it is scaled, of course, to the highly automated and project-oriented environment from which they gained their experience in corporate responsibility. For those who are concerned but not yet defenders of the faith it offers a clear and telling rationale for further involvement.

Nancy Foy

**Business Survival and Social Change: A Practical Guide to Responsibility and Partnership*, by John Hargreaves and Jan Dauman; Associated Business Programs, £6.95.

Fitting 'democracy' into the town hall

Now that the membership of Mr Peter Shore's committee on worker participation has been announced, a remarkable amount of energy is going into defining what they will talk about. During the past couple of weeks I have observed the process under way at a meeting of trade unionists, at three meetings arranged by companies and at three conferences of varying size.

All related either to "participation" or "industrial democracy" and the views expressed were, if not legion, at least various, and it was not always easy to be sure whether we were talking about form or style.

Form, the state of the law about employment structures, may be important and is, so to speak, standing over us: it is hard to find anyone immersed in the subject who is not convinced that legislation to push Britain's constitutional form of employing organization towards the European mould in some way will be on the books within a couple of years.

Style is much more enjoyable and there is happily an increasing range of examples of "participation" or "involvement" that have made an unsatisfactory state of affairs less unsatisfactory.

The difficulty is that a participative style in an authoritarian form of employment organization is impermanent; if things go wrong someone has the authority simply to wield a knife. Participative form without participative style produces the sort of diligent application to conventions which produces the German nickname for works councillers, "industrial princes", and the Swedish witticism about government bureaucracy standing no chance against the bureaucracy of private enterprise, because it was double-barrelled — management and participating employees.

In Britain the very phrase "industrial democracy" is something of a difficulty. In fact, what is on the agenda is the structure of employment in relation to the satisfaction of employees. In the light of this redefinition, it is easier to understand, for example, the conference on industrial democracy run last week by the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (with the memorable acronym of "Solace").

At first blush it is anomalous for institutions governed by the normal rules of representative political democracy to be boarded by the industrial version. Indeed, it may lead to complications in authorities where political representation on the full council is finely balanced.

But Solace has at least an agenda. The TUC and the main unions involved have a policy, perhaps even a policy each, reflecting their particular backgrounds.

The National and Local Government Officers Association, the biggest white collar union in the West, embracing all ranks in its comfortable and well-organized membership system, has proposed that local authorities should have works councils representing all the unions employed by an authority, with the right to nominate non-voting but otherwise participating representatives to the full council. Also, relevant unions should nominate not fewer than two members, and not more than 20 per cent of the full membership, to specialist council committees.

The TUC local government committee, whose chairman is Mr Alan Fisher, of the National Union of Public Employees, merely wants the lower-level representation, and representation on such subordinate bodies as boards of governors of schools and committees of residential homes and the like.

Industrial democracy in government employment is not a conspicuous feature of European countries. In fact, the concept of industrial democracy has arisen from the structure and concerns of private corporations. Transferring it to the council chamber is puzzling, if only because it is not altogether easy to be sure who is on one side and who on the other.

The council itself represents the electorate, not a body of shareholders. The distinction between managers and others, although clear at the extremes, is less clear at the frontiers than even in private industry.

Many local authorities would certainly claim to have carried a participative management style reasonably far. Teachers have long been coopted, by assignment or by ballot, on to education committees. Some functional services of some councils are remarkably autonomous.

But the full implications of non-professional cooption—cleaners involved in the governing of schools, for example—certainly involve a long conceptual jump for most people. Some people at the conference were worried about the impossibility for a local government officer of maintaining his course if he is subject to authoritative criticism from subordinates.

The fact that current neat notions of industrial democracy originate in factory-based privately owned employments increases the complications of wider application. However, the fact that the TUC is a unitary organization catering for unions in all kinds of employment has the advantage that it must have a policy relevant to all its membership.

As a result, the lesson is emphasized that the controversy or aspiration involves not ownership but a wider range of concerns about the organization of work from the daily routine to the formal hierarchy. What people are most interested in, as a rule, is the *organization at the point where* it directly impinges on them; the interest in a say in the hierarchy arises from its power to make the individual's niche unacceptable.

Innis Macbeath

Innis Macbeath is Plowden Professor of Industrial Relations at London Business School.

Business appointments

Lord Chelwood to chair J Compton

Lord Chelwood becomes chairman of J. Compton, Sons & Webb (Holdings) on January 1, succeeding Mr P. Compton, who is retiring.

Mr D. I. Lloyd-Rees has been made managing director of Weatherhead Manufacturing (England), a member of the Avica group. He is also on the board of Avica.

Mr G. W. J. Harris has become a director of Gowerton Iron & Steel (Suppliers).

Barwick Industries of America has made Mr Bernard Glyne, former United Kingdom finance director, managing director of the British operation. Mr Glyne succeeds Mr T. Van Dijk, who remains managing director of Barwick Holland. Mr Bryan Bownas, former United Kingdom executive director marketing sales, joins the main British board, with Mr Charles Selecman, the American parent company's president and chief executive. Mr Peter Doano continues as United Kingdom operations director and a member of the main British board.

Mr Neville Clark is to be quality director for Racal-Mobilcal and Racal-Seaton. He was formerly with Ferranti.

Mr I. J. Macbriar, financial controller of Goldring, joins the board as financial director.

Mr Alastair Dunnett, chairman of Thomson Scottish Petroleum, has joined the board of Scottish Television.

Briefly

ROBERT FARNWORTH

With turnover down from £988,000 to £813,000, Robert Farnworth (maker of warp knitted fabrics) suffered a pre-tax loss of £23,000 in the half-year to September 27, against a profit of £48,000. No interim payment (0.52p gross). But group now trading profitably.

BUCKINGHAM FUND

Transatlantic and General Securities announces an interim distribution on income units of 1.104p net per unit, payable on January 24, 1976. This payment covers income received during the first half of the accounting period from May 29, 1975 to May 27, 1976.

AMERICAN BRANDS

New York.—Agreement has been reached in principle for American Brands, the tobacco and diversified consumer goods group, to acquire Acushnet Company, a manufacturer and distributor of golf products and equipment, industrial rubber and synthetic rubber products.

OIL & ASSOCIATED INV

Net revenue before tax for half-year to end-September, £115,000 (£120,000). Interim payment, 0.875p gross (0.875p).

LEEDS & DISTRICT DYERS

Turnover for year to September 30, £3.78m (£3.09m). Pre-tax profit, £346,000 (£283,000) *including* exceptional item of £46,000 (nil). Total payment raised from 3.44p gross to 3.79p.

HAMILBORNE

Hamilborne (formerly Hammill Brick) reports turnover of £96,000 (£137,000) for half-year to June 26. Pre-tax profit, £4,000 (£45,000). Interim payment, 0.77p gross (1.13p). Board intends total payment for year will be not less than previous year.

SPOONER INDUSTRIES

With turnover down from £9.45m to £8.58m, pre-tax profits fell from £686,000 to £370,000 in year to September 30. Total payment, 3.31p gross (3.3p). Board reports recent "encouraging increase" both in inquiries and orders.

ATTWOOD GARAGES

Group turnover for half-year to end-July, £1.98 m (£2.6m). Pre-tax profit, £17,000 (£21,000). Board reports that outlook for remainder of year depends on availability and *price of products company* sells and particularly demand in New Year for cars and trucks.

WILLOWS FRANCIS

Chairman, Mr A. J. Cornforth, told annual meeting that the improvement in the company's fortunes which was indicated in his annual report has continued into the present year. Profitability has been restored and board hopes to return to the dividend list with an interim payment for the half-year ended December 31.

WIGHAM POLAND

Wigham Poland Holdings have acquired Bateson and Payne Ltd, an old-established company of Lloyd's brokers, for an undisclosed sum.

DAVID DIXON AND SON

Following Tranwood Group offer to acquire Bank Bridge Group, which among other things is conditional on a rearrangement of settlement relating to debt of £710,023 due from Bank Bridge to David Dixon, talks will be held with boards of Tranwood and Bank Bridge to consider alternative proposals for settlement of debt.

LETRASET INTERNATIONAL

Chairman, Mr W. Fieldhouse, reports that first-half profits will be a record, showing a "substantial improvement" on last year and contributing to strong cash flow of recent months.

KEAN AND SCOTT

Turnover for year to March 31, £862,000 (£867,000). Loss, £66,000 (profit, £17,000) after all charges. No dividend (same).

CHARLES WINN

Turnover for 17 months to December 28, 1974, £2.35m (£1.37m for previous 12 months). Profit (before tax and extraordinary item), £236,000 (£122,000).

BADULIPAR TEA

Chairman states that it is not possible to issue accounts for 1974 before end of current year due to delays to information from India. However, company has had a satisfactory trading year, although their financial position in this country is such that board feels unable to recommend an ordinary payment for 1974 or even to maintain payment of pref div until adequate funds are received from India.

MIDLAND ALUMINIUM

At the meeting of the holders of the 7¼ per cent debenture stock 1985/90 the extraordinary resolution sanctioning the modification of the Trust Deed and supplemental Trust Deeds constituting and securing the stock was passed. Accordingly, Midland Aluminium has now become entitled and bound to redeem the stock at £82 per £100 nominal.

MASSEY FERGUSON

Group has raised $55m through two five-year Euromarket credits, *banking sources said. Massey Ferguson* Nederland NV raised $30m and Massey Ferguson Credit Corp $25m. Both loans were jointly managed by Orion Bank and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

QANTAS AIRWAYS

Canberra.—Qantas Airways, Australia's international airline, recorded a new operating profit of $A534,000 in the year ending March, 1975, down from $A11.1m a year ago. Despite record passenger, cargo and mail traffic, with a record $A39m revenue (up 28.4 per cent), the government-owned airline had incurred a deficit of $A4.44m on its airline operations.

D. CHARLES SUCCESS

The board of David Charles says that of the recent one-for-one rights issue of 10p shares at par, 96.37 per cent of the issue has been taken up. This is 19.2 million out of 19.9 million new shares. The balance not taken up has been sold, and the proceeds will be distributed.

BEARER DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS

Following the DIVIDEND DECLARATION by the Company on 9 October 1975, NOTICE is now given that the following DISTRIBUTION will become payable to Authorised Depositaries on or after 12 December 1975 against presentation to the Depositary (as below) of Claim Forms (obtainable from the Depositary) listing Bearer Depositary Receipts.

Gross Distribution per Unit .. .. 3.00 cents
Less 15% U.S. Withholding Tax .. .. 0.45 cents
2.55 cents per unit
Converted at $2.0215 =0.012614 per unit

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Growing importance of chromite production

Mining

Negotiations should be well under way by now between chromite producers and the end users on setting the new price which will prevail for the coming year. Production seems destined to increase in the coming year by some 6 per cent, although total output is unlikely to regain the level seen in 1974.

By far the largest chromite producer in the Western world is South Africa, which in 1974 extracted some 1.9 million tons' output projected to increase to over *five million tons by 1980.* The world's largest producer is Russia, which is estimated to *have* produced some 2.1 million tons in 1974.

Chromite is one of a group of neglected metals which are of considerable significance and—in the South African context—are likely to grow in importance *as sources of earnings.* Both the South African government and several of the major mining finance houses are *attempting to drop their heavy* dependence on gold as a source of revenue. Gold has become too much of an *international* political football, and it therefore makes sound economic sense (except perhaps to convinced gold "bugs") that a policy of diversification should be pursued.

There are opportunities for investment in South African chrome, but unfortunately, with the exception with one second line stock, it cannot be done directly.

This year the average price of South African basic chromite has been about 26 rand a ton f.o.b. However, as with many other minerals, the more refined the product, the higher the price and the higher the added value. Therefore there has been increasing concentration on building beneficiation *plants*.

South Africa is particularly suited for upgrading chrome into ferrochrome. It is a dirty, noisy process and consequently one not well suited for location in the densely populated advanced Western countries. In the great expanses of the veld, the operations pose fewer problems. (Earlier this year, the British Government took a sensible stand against its own backbench Left wingers by *backing British Steel Corporation's* decision to invest in a South African ferrochrome plant.)

The outlook this year for the chromite producers is not particularly brilliant given the *continuing recession. However,* the momentum should start picking up towards the end of the year. Thereafter, there should be a continuing upward trend as demand grows.

From an investment stand*point, therefore, any decisions* should be long term with the first benefits beginning to accrue in 1977.

The only South African company relying solely on chrome for its income is the second line stock Consolidated Chrome, which has little serious investment following in South Africa. The company produces something like 1 per cent of the country's chrome and has a *poor earnings record.*

There are, however, other ways into the industry. The *most exciting,* and the one with the greatest exposure to chrome, is Transvaal Consolidated Land and Exploration, in which Barlow Rand holds a majority stake.

TCL has three major mines —*Henry Gould, Millsell Chrome* and Winterveld (TCL)—while it is also sitting on large deposits. Next year it will get an added bonus in the form of the No 2 Winterveld mine reverting back to it, with the *expiry of the tribute agreement* with Union Carbide.

However, the company does not have any ferrochrome plants, which is something of a drawback. On the other hand, Barlow Rand does and probably draws a little short of 10 per cent of its attributable profits from chromite and ferrochrome *when its contribution from TCL* is added in.

General Mining appears to *have embarked on a policy of* diversification and last year substantially increased its chrome interests as well as forming a partnership with Union Carbide for the establishment of a ferrochrome plant. *General Mining now accounts* for up to a third of total South African chromite extraction, but given the wide ranging interests of the group, this sector probably accounts for no more than 15 per cent of group attributable profits.

Desmond Quigley

A small loophole for Soviet Union in grain deal with US

Commodities

Even *the most pessimistic* forecasters have been startled by the scope of the Russian grain disaster as revealed by Mr Grigori Vashchenko, chairman of the Supreme Soviet planning and budgetary commission.

He is reported in the Government newspaper *Izvestia* to have given figures which lead to a calculation that the 1975 harvest may total only 137m tonnes, against a target of 215m tonnes, leaving a shortfall of some 78m tonnes and giving *the lowest total* for 10 years.

Mr Vashchenko said that average annual grain production over the past five years was 8 per cent above the mean annual level of 1966-70. Calculating this with the last four *years total gives a needed* 137.2m tonnes to bring the five-year average to 8 per cent above the previous five years.

Western forecasts, including the most recent one from the International Wheat Council, *had put the total some 20m* tonnes above Mr Vashchenko's indication. Western observers now calculate that there could be a margin of error of only about 4m tonnes either way in the Soviet figures.

As Russia *usually* makes a ceremony of announcing its harvest figures, the roundabout way in which the first official indication has been given not only tends to confirm that the harvest has been a disaster, but shows that the Russian economy has received a severe shock.

In the light of the harvest *debacle and the Soviet Union's* obvious need to get more grain from somewhere, the latest *market* report from the International Wheat Council makes interesting reading because it shows that restrictions on the *export of United States grain* to Russia are not so rigid as may have been thought.

The *report* quotes Mr Richard Bell, the United States Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, as confirming that there is potential for such exports that are not restricted either by the 7m-tonne limitation on sales of wheat and *maize from the 1975* crop (imposed after removal of the moratorium) or by the terms of the five-year US-USSR agreement which comes into force on October 1 next year.

Wheat harvested in 1976 and shipped before October 1 next year is not covered by either *of these* limitations and assuming Russian demand for early shipment of 1976-crop wheat, capacity to ship and to receive such wheat is the only limitation on such transactions.

Although grain traders in London had expected a sizable Soviet shortfall, they had thought that a drop to about *160m tonnes* was about right and were surprised by the lower figure of 137m tonnes. They expect that the shortfall will eventually have a lasting impact on the international market, but there was little reaction in *London on Thursday* and the market had what was described as a quiet day.

In Chicago, both grain and soyabeans initially were sharply up as a result of the Russian news, but later the advances were lost and the market finished practically unchanged.

Market reaction was undoubtedly tempered by the fact that Soviet ports are under heavy strain handling grain *already bought overseas* and it is unlikely that further tonnages could be handled in the immediate future. Present Russian port capacity is believed to be only 10m tonnes higher than the 25m tonnes of grain already purchased and there is now a five or six weeks' backlog on grain shipments and the onset of winter will not help.

Another factor to be weighed is how far the Soviet Union will go in slaughtering livestock to counter the shortage of fodder.

It is not considered likely that Russia will turn to the European Economic Community for supplies of wheat as the EEC countries do not produce the type of *soft* wheat which she mixes with domestic varieties. In any case, M Pierre Lardinois, the EEC Farm Commissioner, has said more than once that grain sales to Russia would depend on whether the EEC had a surplus.

Discussing probable wheat consumption in 1975-76, the Wheat Council report *says* most of the impact on consumption, as in 1974-75, *seems* likely to be in the animal feeding *sector*, the growth of which contributed to the increase in consumption above "trend" in *the early* 1970s.

With timely foresight, the report says that there *is likely* to be a reduction in consumption in the Soviet Union, where a *high proportion*, perhaps one-third in normal circumstances, of the domestic wheat crop is used for feed.

Even taking into account the large volume of wheat imports now arranged by Russia for 1975-76, currently *estimated* at 11.5 million tonnes, supplies of wheat in Russia will probably be *only* around 85 million tonnes assuming that domestic stocks were already depleted after the poor crop of 1974, compared with more than 100 million tonnes in 1973-74.

Further evidence of the effect on animal *feeding is* provided, says the report, by the large quantities of feed grains *likely to be imported* by the Soviet Union in 1975-76. Purchases announced to date amount to about 8 million tonnes.

On world wheat production in 1975, including China, the re*port now estimates this* at 355m tonnes, compared with the previously forecast range of 350m-355m tonnes and the outturn of 352m tonnes in 1974.

With 1975 production now estimated to be very little higher than in 1974, world consumption in 1975-76 is expected, *for the second successive year, to be below the "trend"* figure suggested by recent rates of growth.

But, says the report, such a shortfall does not necessarily imply any worsening of the food situation in developing countries, where wheat production in the aggregate increased by 16 per cent this year.

Although the use of wheat for feed is expected to fall sharply in Russia, in developed countries little change is likely from the already low levels of feed usage in the preceding year.

Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

Euromarkets

Coupon rates for new Eurodollar note offerings are approaching *1975 lows, a different* situation from what some analysts were predicting six months ago, reports *AP-Dow* Jones.

The lowest Eurodollar coupon rate of the year *was* 8.75 per cent on an offering last June of $50m seven-year European Coal and Steel Community notes at 99. This bellwether issue was quoted on Friday at a middle price of 99.63 to yield 8.83 per cent at *maturity*.

At the time of the coal and steel issue in June many commentators were worrying about short-term interest rates rising toward the end of the year. This has not happened and most current forecasts now call for stable interest rates well into 1976.

*These expectations have en*couraged underwriters to bring issues to market with 9 per cent coupon rates, and it looks as if they will get a good reception from investors. For example, a $50m seven-year issue of the European Investment Bank was offered at 99, bearing 9 per cent this week. In the aftermarket, it traded at a *premium* of 99.13 to yield about *9.17* per cent.

Currently scheduled is a $75m seven-year note offering *of Ontario Hydro under guarantee* of the Province of Ontario. The syndicate manager, *Deutsche* Bank, has indicated that the coupon rate will be 9 per cent, which reflects the "AAA" status of Ontario *Province in the United States* bond market.

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation is floating a $30m 15-year convertible bond issue through a Kidder Peabody International syndicate. The bonds bear 7.5 per cent semi-annually and have an attractive sinking fund that will retire certain amounts *of the bonds each year,* beginning 1981.

Crédit Commercial de France is the latest bank to launch a floating rate note issue. The six-year issue is for $25m, once again at ¼ per cent over inter-bank rate.

Three issues are under way in Canadian dollars. Beneficial Finance International Corporation is making its third offering of the year with a $Can25m seven-year note issue bearing 9.75 per cent. An unusual and appealing feature is that investors will have the option *of redeeming in four years* or keeping the notes until maturity.

Eurobond prices (yields and premiums)

$ STRAIGHTS

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DM BONDS

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$ CONVERTIBLES

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DM=Deutschmark issue. Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Freight report

Expectations of a busier tanker freight market were fulfilled last week, but in the event there was no material improvement in rates.

Brokers estimated that more than *one* million tons of tankers were booked out of the Persian Gulf, making it one of the busiest weeks in the market since before the last Opec price rises. Nevertheless the remaining nine million tons of tankers *still looking for work* before the end of this month continued to dampen rates.

By the end of the week Hoegh, the Scandinavian shipowner and charterer, booked a vlcc at an unchanged World*scale* 17.5 ($2.54 a ton) for a voyage into the North Atlantic. This rate, however, was on the basis of the more economical slow steam speed.

Another interesting point was the reactivation of Exxon, the *United States group which* booked a ulcc (ultra large crude carrier) on a "part cargo" of 320,000 tons at Worldscale 15 ($2.21)—a rate which reflected both the size of the shipment and the basic weakness of the market.

Craig Howard

Weekly list of fixed interest stocks

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CONVERTIBLES

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*Ex dividend.

More share prices

The following will be added to The London and Regional Share Price List tomorrow and will be published *daily in Business News*:

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Scapa downturn

Having reached a pre-tax profit of £5.5m last year, the Scapa Group, which makes felts, cloths and filter fabrics, has suffered a drop in profits for *the six months* to September 30 of nearly £1m, to £2.02m. Sales rose from £15.3m to £16.5m. Shareholders are to receive a dividend of 2.6p, against 2.5p.

The board notes that the *group has done well in comparison* with its international competitors, but forecasting is not *practical*.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	11%
First London Secs	11%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*11%
Lloyds Bank	11%
Midland Bank	11%
Nat Westminster ..	11%
Rossminster Acc's	11%
Shenley Trust	12½%
20th Century Bank	12½%
Williams & Glyn's	11%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, [illegible] up to £25,000 [illegible] over £25,000 [illegible]

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Capitalisation £000's	Company	Price last Friday	Change on week	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
7,000	Armitage & Rhodes	28	+1	3.0	10.7	7.4
1,315	Deborah Services	99	—	7.5	7.6	5.2
4,607	Henry Sykes	135	+1	4.9	3.7	9.0
3,277	Twinlock Ord	23xd	−4	0.9	4.0	5.7
1,447	Twinlock 12% ULS	53	+1	12.0	22.6	—
2,573	Unilock Holdings	60xd	−2	4.5	7.5	11.6

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week (FT Index change on week 367.6+10.3 (+2.9%))

Authorised Unit Trusts

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Insurance Bonds and Funds

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Offshore and International Funds

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Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization & week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Dec 1. Dealings End, Dec 11. § Contango Day, Dec 12. Settlement Day, Dec 22

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

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Amount outstanding	Stock		Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
[illegible]m	Exch	6½% 1976	98⅝	+⅛	6.570	11.940
[illegible]m	Treas	6½% 1976	96¾	+⅛	6.719	11.499
[illegible]m	Treas	10½% 1976	99⅞	+⅛	10.572	11.241
[illegible]m	Treas	6¼% 1977	95⅛	+⅛	6.572	10.550
[illegible]m	Elec	3% 1974-77	94⅛	+⅛	3.170	7.266
[illegible]m	Treas	11¼% 1977	100⅝	+⅛	11.411	10.596
[illegible]m	Treas	3% 1977	92¼	+⅛	3.256	7.445
[illegible]m	Trans	4% 1972-77	91⅞	+⅛	4.351	9.704
[illegible]m	Treas	9% 1978	94⅝	+⅛	9.505	11.917
[illegible]m	Treas	10¼% 1978	97⅞	+⅛	10.790	11.718
[illegible]m	Exch	5% 1976-78	87⅞	+⅛	5.702	10.107
[illegible]m	Treas	3% 1979	83¾	+⅛	3.095	8.987
[illegible]m	Treas	11½% 1979	99⅞	+⅛	11.531	11.668
[illegible]m	Elec	4¼% 1974-79	82⅛	+⅛	5.152	9.772
[illegible]m	Treas	10½% 1979	95⅞	+⅛	11.002	11.992
[illegible]m	Elec	3½% 1976-79	81⅝	+⅛	4.304	9.776
[illegible]m	Treas Cn	9½% 1980	88⅝	+⅛	10.653	12.216
[illegible]m	Treas	9¼% 1980	90⅞	+⅛	10.483	12.314
[illegible]m	Fund	5½% 1978-80	84⅞	+⅛	6.203	9.921
[illegible]m	Treas	3½% 77-80	80⅞	+⅛	4.347	8.793
[illegible]m	Treas	11½% 1981	95¼	+⅛	12.029	12.677
[illegible]m	Treas	3½% 79-81	77½	+⅛	4.541	9.343
[illegible]m	Treas	8¼% 1980-82	87⅛	+⅛	10.123	12.302
[illegible]m	Treas	14% 1982	98⅛	+⅛	12.331	12.914
[illegible]m	Fund	5½% 1982-84	72⅞	..	7.744	11.072
[illegible]m	Treas	8¼% 1984-86	73⅛	..	11.064	12.434
[illegible]m	Fund	6½% 1985-87	66⅞	+⅛	9.850	12.199
[illegible]m	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	71⅝	+⅛	11.517	12.963
[illegible]m	Trans	3% 1978-88	42⅝	..	6.967	11.377
[illegible]m	Treas	5% 1986-89	51	..	9.951	12.522
[illegible]m	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	65⅞	+⅛	12.496	12.705
[illegible]m	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	51⅛	+⅛	11.476	13.561
[illegible]m	Treas	12¼% 1992	83⅞	+⅛	14.797	15.048
[illegible]m	Treas	12½% 1993	84¼	..	14.849	15.026
[illegible]m	Fund	6% 1993	49⅛	..	12.556	14.039
[illegible]m	Treas	[illegible] 1994	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]m	Rdmptn	3% 1986-96	29⅞	..	10.240	12.612
[illegible]m	Gas	3% 1990-95	30⅛	+⅛	9.957	[illegible]
[illegible]m	Treas	12¾% 1995	85⅞	+⅛	15.055	[illegible]
[illegible]m	Treas	9% 1992-96	64⅛	..	14.451	[illegible]
[illegible]m	Treas	15¼% 1997	99⅞	+⅛	15.107	15.263
[illegible]m	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	45⅝	..	14.179	14.549
[illegible]m	Treas	8¾% 1997	62⅝	+⅛	14.613	15.053
[illegible]m	Treas	8¾% 1999	61⅝	+⅛	14.404	[illegible]
[illegible]m	Fund	3½% 1999-04	27⅛	+⅛	13.292	14.105
[illegible]m	Treas	5½% 2002-06	37⅛	+⅛	14.807	15.107
[illegible]m	Treas	5½% 2008-12	36⅛	+⅛	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]m	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	51⅛	+⅛	15.125	15.356
[illegible]m	Consols	4%	27⅛	..	15.415	..
[illegible]m	War Ln	3½%	23⅛	..	14.941	..
[illegible]m	Conv	3½%	24⅛	..	14.507	..
[illegible]m	Treas	3%	20⅛	..	15.[illegible]	..
[illegible]m	Consols	2½%	17⅛	..	14.983	..
[illegible]m	Treas	2½% Aft 75	16⅝	..	15.176	..

[illegible]MONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

Amount outstanding	Stock		Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
[illegible]m	Aust	3½% 78-75	88¼	+⅛	6.407	13.155
[illegible]m	Aust	5½% 77-80	73⅛	..	7.523	13.[illegible]
[illegible]m	Aust	5¼% 81-82	65⅛	+⅛	8.077	13.256
[illegible]m	Aust	6% 81-83	65	..	9.231	13.257
[illegible]m	Aust	6¼% 74-76	99	..	6.301	12.069
[illegible]m	Aust	7% 79-81	77⅛	..	9.071	13.[illegible]
—	Berlin	4½% Ass	92	..	..	..
—	Chilean Mixed		95	..	..	..
[illegible]m	E Africa	5½% 77-83	60	..	9.503	14.665
—	German	4½% 1930	101	..	..	..
—	Hungary	4½% 1924	70	..	..	..

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
7,940,000	AAH	152	−1	14.0b	8.8	8.7
1,530,000	AB Electronic	[illegible]	−2	6.3	11.6	10.8
800,000	AC Cars	40	..	1.4	3.4	15.4
16.1m	AD Intl	104	−2	3.5	3.4	11.9
2,139,000	AGB Research	49	+1	3.0	7.4	6.8
27.7m	APV Hldgs	237	+2	13.7	5.8	9.1
10.1m	AVP Ind	35	−1	3.7	7.0	5.1
9,129,000	Aaronson Bros	47	−1	2.4	5.7	12.2
700,000	Abrasives Int	15	−1	2.2b	14.8	5.2
2,056,000	Acrow	118	..	6.1	5.1	12.8
25.9m	Do A	[illegible]	+5	6.1	3.0	11.8
3,512,000	Adams Food	[illegible]	−1	1.6	7.7	3.6
1,066,000	Adda Int	6	..	..	..	..
9,036,000	Adwest Group	130	−2	9.7	7.5	6.1
720,000	Aero & Gen.	20	..	1.5	7.7	..
522,000	Airfix Ind	137	+4	4.4	3.2	12.9
9,153,000	Do NV	[illegible]	−1	3.6	4.7	7.3
54.6m	Albright & W	[illegible]	..	6.6	7.5	3.2
3,600,000	Alcan 10½%	179	● ..	1050	15.0	..
6,369,000	Do 9% Cnv	255	● −4	900	15.5	..
9,221,000	Algemate Ind	109	+1	10.3	11.4	11.7
8,757,000	Allen E. Balfour	70	−1	5.0a	8.9	7.1
913,000	Allen W. G.	30	−2	3.5	11.6	5.2
7,233,000	Alliance Alders	31½	−½	1.8	5.7	7.7
11.5m	Allied Colloids	101	−1	1.9	1.9	12.9
1,880,000	Allied Insulators	21	..	1.9	8.3	6.6
525,000	Allied Plant	12½	−½	1.0b	8.0	19.8
13.6m	Allied Polymer	75	..	6.5	8.7	6.9
8,254,000	Allied Retailers	106	+10	6.8	6.4	10.3
1,050,000	Alpine Hldgs	20½	−½	1.3	6.1	12.3
21.2m	Amal Metal	3[illegible]	+1	26.6	9.8	2.1
3,042,000	Amal Power	49	−2	4.7	9.6	5.9
1,754,000	Amber Day	46	−1	3.2b	7.0	5.9
142,000	Amber Ind Hldgs	[illegible]	..	0.6a	8.9	2.5
[illegible]	Anchor Chem	15	..	5.2	11.5	..
15.0m	Anderson Strath	105	+7	13.1	7.9	8.3
[illegible]	Anglo Am Asph	[illegible]	−1	10.0	6.1	10.9
[illegible]	Anglo Amer Ind	[illegible]	+21	30.5	5.0	10.5
[illegible]	Ang Swiss Hldgs	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
616,000	Anglo-Ecuad	..	..	2.5	10.0	10.7
2,386,000	Applevard	[illegible]	−1½	5.7	12.6	6.3
3,604,000	Aquascutum 'A'	[illegible]	..	1.7	8.1	7.0
2,031,000	Arlington Mtr	39	..	10.0	12.5	7.2
50.6m	Armitage Shanks	61	−1	6.0	9.4	12.6
17.4m	Armour Equip	[illegible]	−1½	2.6	4.3	3.1
300,000	Aspney Gavn Pf	14	..	6.3	15.6	..
22.6m	Ass Biscuit	72	−2	4.0	5.5	10.0
5,241,000	Do A	17	−4	4.0	6.1	9.6
249.5m	Ass Brit Food	[illegible]	−1	2.5	3.4	12.2
35.0m	Ass Engineer	73½	−½	6.0a	7.6	9.2
[illegible]	Ass Fisheries	[illegible]	..	..	..	2.2
7,250,000	Ass Leisure	2[illegible]	−½	3.9	13.9	5.6
25.1m	Ass News	[illegible]	● −2	6.6	6.9	5.0
3,160,000	Ass Paper	30	−½	4.0	11.1	3.3
152.7m	Ass Port Cement	277	−2	17.0	6.2	15.0
27.2m	Ass Tel 'A'	65	−1	6.0	9.1	10.2
415,000	Ass Tooling	26	..	2.9	10.5	4.3
830,000	Astbury & Madley	22	..	1.4	6.2	4.0
4,725,000	Atlas Stone	115	h ..	7.0	6.1	..
750,000	Attwood Garage	30	+1	2.7	13.5	12.3
4,172,000	Audiotronic	37	−2	5.0	13.5	8.5
3,304,000	Ault & Wiborg	27	..	3.3b	12.4	6.4
3,051,000	Aurora Hldgs	62	−1	6.0	9.7	6.1
460,000	Austin E.	44	..	4.5	10.2	3.1
14.5m	Automotive Pd	79½	−1½	2.3	5.5	7.6
41.6m	Averys	113	−1½	6.3	6.0	11.4
2,154,000	Avon Rubber	45	−1	1.5	3.2	..
21.6m	BBA Grp	34	..	2.0a	6.6	3.5

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
56.8m	Costain R.	230	+5	6.6	2.8	11.7
780,000	Countryside	13	+1	..	..	..
1,440,000	Courts (Furn)	80	..	4.8	5.9	7.4
8,806,000	Do A NV	80	..	4.0	5.0	7.4
625,000	Court Hlls Ldn	30	f ..	1.9	6.0	4.0
297.9m	Courtaulds	146	+7	8.8	6.0	4.5
1,074,000	Courtney Pope	44	..	5.4	12.3	6.4
3,585,000	C'wan de Groot	35	−1	5.0b	14.5	3.1
3,450,000	Cowie T.	30	−3	2.0	6.5	16.7
900,000	Cox Ind	12	f ..	..e	..	2.4
2,634,000	Crane Fruehauf	17	+2	1.3	7.5	..
1,367,000	Crellon Hldgs	31	−2	2.6	8.4	5.7
3,519,000	Crest Nicholson	35	+1	4.1a	12.4	10.8
64.4m	Croda Int	60	+4	2.5b	4.3	7.7
844,000	Cronite Grp	30	..	3.4	11.3	9.9
400,000	Cropper J.	25	..	..e	..	..
821,000	Crosby Hse	105	..	13.1	12.5	..
1,000,000	Crossland R.	20	+2½	1.6	8.1	8.8
4,207,000	Crossley Bldg	64	+2½	5.9b	9.0	7.0
3,103,000	Crouch D.	32	−1	4.3	13.5	3.5
1,120,000	Crouch Grp	28	+1	3.7	13.2	7.8
1,044,000	Crowther J.	29	−1	0.8e	2.6	10.3
1,269,000	Cullen Guard	17	+½	..	..	..
2,079,000	Cum'ns En Cv	£46	..	375	8.2	..
1,294,000	Cuthbert R. & G.	18½	−½	..	..	21.9
74.2m	Cutler Hammer	£22	−¼	67.6	3.1	11.9
2,486,000	Dale Electric	124	..	6.6	5.4	11.6
1,924,000	Danish Bacon 'A'	144	● ..	9.6	6.7	5.4
1,477,000	Danks Gowerton	39	+2	3.0	7.7	3.9
847,000	Dartmouth Inv	10½	● −½	1.0	9.6	7.2
4,094,000	Davies & New	93	+4	9.7	10.4	7.0
5,079,000	Davis G.	43	● −½	4.3	10.0	9.9
33.8m	Davy Int	117	+4	8.8b	7.5	10.5
3,820,000	Dawson & Barfos	47	h −1	2.4e	5.2	8.4
1,903,000	Dawson J.	52	..	6.8	13.1	5.8
605m	De Beers Ind	560	+10	37.9	6.8	10.8
64.1m	Debenhams	75	+4	6.0b	7.8	10.6
29.2m	De La Rue	1[illegible]	−4	16.4	8.6	8.6
17.7m	Decca	266	+4	13.3	5.4	5.0
27.3m	Do A	2[illegible]	+8	13.3	6.7	7.7
700,000	Delson	35	+2	2.3	2.0	4.4
76.1m	Delta Metal	57	..	6.3b	11.0	7.0
5,459,000	Dentsply Intl	127	+7	7.7	6.0	8.5
3,500,000	De Vere Hotels	78	−1	3.3	4.3	23.9
2,960,000	Dew G.	97	−1	6.3	6.3	5.1
83.7m	DRG	115	..	8.8	7.6	6.0
2,000,000	Dimplex Ind	10	+½	..	..	..
3,906,000	Diploma Inv	45½	+1½	3.3	7.3	4.6
7,104,000	Dixons Photo	57	+4	3.0b	5.3	6.3
7,985,000	Do A	56	+4	3.0b	5.4	6.1
303,000	Dixor	10	..	0.7	2.1	10.3
24.6m	Dobson Park	41½	+1	2.6	6.3	9.8
4,456,000	Dolan Pack	53	+4	3.0	5.6	4.6
3,150,000	Dom Hldgs	40	..	5.4	13.9	11.0
1,512,000	Dorman Smith	103	−5	6.7	6.4	10.0
9,094,000	Do A	100	−3	6.7	6.7	9.5
5,017,000	Douglas R. M.	62	−1	4.9	7.0	4.8
6,624,000	Dow'd & Mills	24	..	1.4	5.6	11.6
4,370,000	Downing G. H.	143	+2	13.3	9.1	8.5
32.4m	Dowty Grp	149	+7	7.7	5.5	10.9
1,320,000	Drake Cubitt	11	..	..	..	..
2,037,000	Dreamland Elec	35	−1	3.0	7.9	6.0
3,022,000	Dufay	39½	..	2.1	5.4	6.6
1,362,000	Duncan W.	175	+10	..e	..	5.6
4,433,000	Dunford & Ell	47	+1	5.0	14.0	3.6
65.5m	Dunlop Hldgs	67	+½	5.0	7.6	7.7
1,357,000	Duple Int	4½	..	..	..	3.3
17.8m	Dupart	56½	+½	3.2b	10.3	3.3
2,042,000	Dutton For	23½	−½	1.2	5.6	8.9
1,327,000	Dykes J. Hldgs	34½	● +1½	4.5	12.7	7.9
1,329,000	EMF Hldgs	20	−1	2.9	13.1	4.1

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55.9m	Johnson Matt	330	+23	15.7	4.9	6.6
10.9m	Johnson-Richd	200	−15	8.2	4.1	7.2
5,020,000	Jones Stroud	58	..	5.4	9.4	4.6
441,000	Jourdan T.	11	..	..e	..	2.2
1,844,000	Judge Int	25	● +2	2.5	10.1	5.2
7,654,000	K Shoes	51	..	3.2	6.3	5.1
1,962,000	Kelsey Ind	[illegible]	..	..	7.3	4.5
10.0m	Kenning Mtr	50½	−2	4.7	9.4	6.9
3,257,000	Kent M. P.	31	−1	2.0	6.5	2.2
1,607,000	Kitchen Taylor	38	..	2.6	3.1	9.6
2,659,000	Kleeman Ind	2[illegible]	−4	4.4b	9.0	14.7
38.9m	Kwik Save Disc	1[illegible]	..	5.5	4.3	20.5
13.3m	LCP Hldgs	72	−4	6.0b	8.3	9.5
14.4m	LRC Int	37	..	3.1	8.2	21.9
42.0m	Ladbroke	9[illegible]	+7	6.3b	6.0	9.2
1,225,000	Ladies Pride	..	..	4.0	10.5	6.4
1,270,000	Lafarge	21	..	1.2	5.5	6.5
25.3m	Laing J.	12[illegible]	−8	2.7	2.2	15.1
20.9m	Do A	12[illegible]	−3	2.7	2.2	15.3
19.1m	Laird Grp Ltd	45½	−½	2.3b	5.6	5.2
4,507,000	Lake & Elliot	57	+6	4.4	7.7	6.5
1,064,000	Lambert H'wth	35	..	3.5	9.9	5.2
40.3m	Lamson Ind	73	−1	4.2	5.4	..
801,000	Lane P. Grp	15	−4	..e	..	..
7,427,000	Laporte	122	−2	7.4b	6.0	3.5
20.5m	Laporte Ind	74	−2	4.6b	7.2	4.3
3,024,000	Latham J.	129	+3	10.6	7.1	7.2
2,862,000	Laurence Scott	43	−½	3.0	9.2	..
2,460,000	Lawrence Walter	65	−6	6.2	10.1	7.4
800,000	Lawtex	30	..	4.0	13.5	4.3
41.3m	Lead Industries	114	−1	7.5	6.6	..
1,020,000	Le-Bas E.	44	..	2.2	4.9	4.7
4,462,000	Lee A.	14½	..	2.1	14.7	2.7
6,029,000	Leisure Chain	77	● −1	7.4b	9.6	10.5
8,251,000	Lep Grp	131	+1	3.9	3.0	5.2
9,665,000	Lesney Ord	37	..	1.3b	3.5	5.7
620,000	Do NV	38	..	1.3b	5.0	4.0
85.5m	Letraset	9[illegible]	+7	5.0	5.4	14.3
9,377,000	Lex Services	3[illegible]	+½	7.3	9.3	7.3
3,621,000	Lilley F. J. C.	32	..	2.6	8.2	6.0
1,725,000	Lincroft Kilg	28	+1	4.5	12.6	..
10.1m	Lindustries	55	−1	5.5	10.0	4.4
16.2m	Linfood Hldgs	230	..	12.3	5.6	13.5
745,000	Linread	42	..	4.7	11.5	7.2
544,000	Lipton L.	26	..	..e	..	..
6,015,000	[illegible]	12	+1	2.2	9.0	12.4
12.5m	Lloyd F. H.	66½	−1	6.2	9.4	6.0
2,372,000	Llng & Indust	61	+2	5.0a	8.2	7.3
900,000	Locker T.	[illegible]	● ..	1.0	11.1	..
2,125,000	Do A	9½	● ..	1.0	11.5	..
3,701,000	Lockwoods Fds	64	..	4.6	7.2	1.4
2,848,000	Ldn & M'land	24½	● +½	5.0	20.7	1.5
22.0m	Ldn & Northern	18	+2½	5.0	10.4	5.2
12.9m	Ldn Brick Co	73	+1	5.7	6.2	20.0
2,312,000	Ldn Prov Post	63	+2	12.1	14.6	4.7
1,196,000	Longton Trans	30	..	4.4	14.6	3.0
125.7m	Lonrho	117	+1	5.6	4.9	..
3,316,000	Lonsdale Univ	56	..	5.6	10.0	4.9
2,525,000	Lovell Hldgs	47	−1	3.0a	7.2	5.5
556,000	Loveys J.	35	f ..	..	..	..
12.6m	Low & Bonar	153	+2	13.9	9.0	4.7
112.6m	Lucas Ind	171	−5	8.1	4.7	7.4
1,583,000	Lyles S.	37	● −3	3.1	8.3	..
900,000	Lyndale Eng	24	+1	5.2	21.5	5.9
560,000	Lyons J. Ord	135	−15	11.6	8.6	40.0
35.4m	Do A	132	−14	11.6	8.8	40.0

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2,410,000	MFI W'house	31	+1	..	..	..
7,456,000	MK Electric	62	● +2	8.7	5.0	27.0
2,974,000	MK Refrig'tion	32	−1	5.6	8.5	4.4

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47.6m	Rothmans Int 'B'	34½	+1	2.3	6.6	9.1
4,797,000	Rotork Ltd	1[illegible]	+2	1.4	1.7	10.6
490,000	Routledge & K	[illegible]	−4	4.8	11.1	7.6
[illegible]	Rowntree Mac	[illegible]	+2	6.7	[illegible]	9.4
2,416,000	Rowton Hotels	[illegible]	+1	7.4	13.4	5.2
1,553,000	Royal Sov Grp	37	..	3.4	9.2	4.2
6,457,000	Royal Worcs	107	−3	5.0	7.5	2.1
1,500,000	Royco Grp	[illegible]	+1½	3.1	12.5	11.0
1,561,000	Ruberoid	[illegible]	−1	1.4	5.0	5.5
34.9m	Rugby Cement	[illegible]	..	4.2	5.4	10.2
[illegible]	Do NV	[illegible]	−5	[illegible]	[illegible]	15.5
770,000	RFD Grp	[illegible]	● −4	11.4	31.7	2.0
1,40[illegible]	S & U Stores	1[illegible]	..	1.2	7.5	10.1
21.9m	SGB Grp	104	+2	6.7b	6.5	6.3
157.0m	SKF 'B'	£12¼	+¼	47.9	3.1	11.5
10.2m	Sabah Timber	74	+1	1.7a	2.6	7.4
10[illegible]m	Sainsbury J.	1[illegible]	−1	[illegible]	5.5	13.9
[illegible]m	St Gobain	£[illegible]	+¼	[illegible]	2.5	12.2
1,134,000	Sale Tilney	65	+2	6.5	9.6	6.2
8,494,000	Samuel H.	1[illegible]	..	7.4b	6.0	5.1
17.4m	Do A	1[illegible]	..	7.4b	6.2	6.8
2,902,000	Sanderson Kay	47	..	5.5	11.7	6.5
5,060,000	Sanger J. E.	59	● +2	5.8b	10.9	11.3
[illegible]	Sangers	53	−1	7.4b	5.9	12.2
5,957,000	Savoy Hotel 'A'	21	..	0.5	3.6	..
11.4m	Scapa Grp	61	−1	5.5	9.0	4.0
8,150,000	Scholes G. H.	190	..	20.5	10.9	15.6
2,203,000	Scotcros	47	−1	2.7	5.9	5.5
1,297,000	Scott's Inv	17	f h ..	..e	..	12.7
1,220,000	Scottish TV 'A'	[illegible]	..	..e	..	15.5
[illegible]m	Scot Univ Inv	[illegible]	● −2	7.1	5.1	11.2
7,097,000	Serase E.	16	h ..	0.6	3.9	4.7
193.3m	Sears Hldgs	34	+2	2.9	8.7	12.8
2,020,000	Securicor Grp	52	+2	1.6	3.0	11.0
3,400,000	Do NV	58	..	1.8	3.1	10.6
1,081,000	Security Serv	52	+2	2.4	4.6	9.5
3,419,000	Do A	52	..	2.4	4.6	9.8
254,000	Sekers Int	16	−1	2.3	14.4	10.5
2,000,000	Selincourt	7	..	1.1	16.0	3.2
16.5m	Serck	44	+2	2.2b	7.3	12.6
1,512,000	Shakespeare J.	[illegible]	..	1.2	5.5	4.2
2,292,000	Shaw Carpets	2[illegible]	−1	3.7	12.3	2.1
1,125,000	Shaw F.	13	−1	3.1a	5.5	7.9
14.7m	Sheepbridge	53	−2½	4.3	8.7	12.0
11.0m	Sheffield Twist	54	h ..	..e	..	14.4
900,000	Shellabear Price	30	..	3.5	12.7	3.6
250,000	Sherman S.	4	..	..	..	..
3,224,000	Sidlaw Ind	59	−4	7.5	12.8	6.7
19.1m	Siebe Gorman	2[illegible]	+4	7.0b	4.0	10.3
1,122,000	Siemssen Hunt	18	..	2.0a	11.1	6.8
2,370,000	Sigmund Pu Cn	£2[illegible]	+1	700	4.9	..
3,104,000	Silentnight	[illegible]½	+4½	2.4	7.7	14.0
23.0m	Simon Eng	2[illegible]	−4	9.0b	7.9	9.2
440,000	Simpson S.	44	+2	4.5	9.4	5.5
2,547,000	Do A	41	+1	4.2	9.8	5.2
2,022,000	Sirdar	[illegible]	● −2	3.3b	10.6	7.0
10.5m	600 Group	55	● −1	4.0	7.4	5.0
7,657,000	Skelchley	64	● −2	3.5	5.7	9.4
1,301,000	Slimma Grp	2[illegible]	−1	2.6	7.1	6.4
222,000	Small & Tidmas	21	+2	3.2	15.0	2.2
2,077,000	Smith D.S.	31	..	3.1	9.9	4.5
76.4m	Smith & Neph	5[illegible]½	−3	2.9	5.7	12.1
47.6m	Smith W. H.	340	−25	12.1	3.5	13.3
60.6m	Smiths Ind	1[illegible]	+4	9.1	6.5	7.9
24.2m	Smurfit	1[illegible]	+1	10.0	9.6	4.5
255,000	Sobranie	17	+2	2.1	12.2	11.6
792,000	Do NV	17	+2	2.1	12.2	11.6
3,540,000	Solicitors Law	52	..	5.0	9.7	9.5
2,012,000	Sparrow G. W.	140	−7	6.5	4.7	11.2
5,106,000	Spear & Jackson	[illegible]	+4	7.3b	7.6	7.0
3,790,000	Spear J. W.	91	● ..	2.5b	2.6	6.2
479,000	Spencer Gears	10½	−¼	1.4	13.0	9.1
1,250,000	Spencer G.	23	−2	4.0	14.3	3.3
64.7m	Spillers	44	f +2½	3.0b	6.8	6.4
10.7m	Spirax-Sarco	125	+1	8.7b	6.7	10.5

INSURANCE

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
22.8m	Bowring	72	−4	3.3	4.6	..
[illegible],000	Brentnall Beard	95	+2	4.7	4.9	11.1
23.4m	Britannic	148	+3	10.8	7.2	..
[illegible]m	Com Union	138	+2	10.4	7.5	..
[illegible]m	Eagle Star	127	−1	7.7b	6.0	..
[illegible]m	Equity & Law	178	−4	7.5	4.3	..
[illegible]m	Gen Accident	1[illegible]	+2	8.5	5.2	..
243.7m	Guardian Royal	154	..	11.5b	7.1	..
11.3m	Hafford Sheard	150	h +4	5.4	3.9	19.1
21.4m	Heath C. E.	1[illegible]	● +4	6.6	3.4	13.3
29.4m	Hogg Robinson	148	● +½	5.0	3.4	12.9
64.2m	Howden A.	158	+5	3.7b	2.8	16.1
134.7m	Legal & Gen	128	−1	6.7b	5.2	..
23.2m	Leslie & Godwin	105	−1	5.3	5.1	13.2
20.7m	London & Man	126	..	6.9	5.5	..
25.3m	Matthews Wrightson	161	−5	11.4	7.1	13.4
44.3m	Minet Hldgs	114	+2	3.6	3.1	20.0
79.2m	Pearl	210	−4	14.8	6.7	..
[illegible]m	Phoenix	216	−2	12.7	5.9	..
3,323,000	Prov Life 'A'	1[illegible]	..	10.2	7.9	..
—	Do A Br	1[illegible]	..	10.2	7.9	..
2,456,000	Do B	1[illegible]	−3	10.2	5.1	..
—	Do B Br	1[illegible]	−3	10.2	8.1	..
341.0m	Prudential	1[illegible]	..	7.8b	6.1	..
9,404,000	Refuge 'A'	1[illegible]	+2	10.2	8.1	..
11.4m	Do B	1[illegible]	..	9.6	7.9	..
423.6m	Royal	3[illegible]	−4	28.4b	6.8	..
76.6m	Sedg. Forbes	2[illegible]	..	12.0b	4.8	19.6
24.2m	Stenhouse	78	−1	4.3	6.2	9.1
212.0m	Sun Alliance	4[illegible]	+7	24.2	5.7	..
51.8m	Sun Life	90	+1	3.5	4.3	..
3,292,000	Trade Indem'ty	147	..	10.1	6.9	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
26.0m	Aberdeen Trst	1[illegible]	● −3	5.4	4.6	30.4
2,244,000	Acorn Secs 'Cap'	57	−1	..	..	..
655,000	Do Inc	52	..	8.5	16.3	9.9
65.2m	Alliance Trust	1[illegible]	+2	8.1	4.3	32.7
22.4m	Amer Trust	37½	−1	2.1	5.8	32.8
26.3m	Anglo-Amer Secs	93	+2	3.3	3.6	37.0
1,052,000	Anglo Int Inv	82	−1	4.0	12.5	13.1
1,520,000	Do As	78	−2	..	..	..
10.6m	Anglo Scot	37½	−1	2.2	5.7	30.5
10.4m	Ashdown Inv	110	−1	4.6b	4.2	34.6
9,5[illegible],000	ATC Regional	33	−1	0.6	1.8	44.0
8,[illegible],000	Atlantic Assets	32	−2½	0.6	2.0	..
15.5m	Atlas Electric	45	..	1.8	3.9	38.8
15.5m	Bankers Inv	49	..	2.9b	6.1	22.9
5,[illegible],000	Berry Trust	34	● ..	1.0	2.8	84.0
40.5m	Border & Sthrn	2[illegible]½	−2½	1.4	3.3	39.6
15.0m	Brit Am & Gen	2[illegible]½	..	1.9	5.8	24.3
37.5m	Brit Assets Tst	46	−½	2.2	4.7	31.1
1,625,000	Brit Emp Sec	3	..	0.3	9.6	13.3
74.2m	Brit Invest	1[illegible]½	−2½	5.2b	3.7	39.9
14.2m	Broadstone	119	−1	4.8	4.0	34.4
11.4m	Brunner	71½	−½	3.8	5.3	27.5
3,300,000	Bryceurt Inv	48	..	2.6	5.4	40.0
7,980,000	CLRP Inv	57	+½	2.2	3.8	27.4
112.1m	Cable Trust	1[illegible]½	+½	6.5	5.0	27.9
20.5m	Caledonia Inv	167	−3	10.6	6.3	20.7
25.1m	Caledonian Tst	59	−1½	2.0	3.4	47.2
3,224,000	Do B	55	−2	..	..	..
1,312,000	Cannon St	6½	f ..	2.0	23.6	..
12.5m	Capital & Natl	97	..	5.0	5.2	..
1,414,000	Do B	90	−1	..	..	..
9,138,000	Cardinal 'Dfd'	1[illegible]½	−1	6.5	5.0	..
10.9m	Carliol Inv	1[illegible]	−1	3.8	3.5	38.9
15.7m	Cedar Inv	[illegible]	..	2.9	5.5	28.9

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1.2m	Middle Wits	330	+15	16.6	[illegible]	..
67.0m	Minorco	218	+6	6.6	[illegible]	..
[illegible]m	Mingate Explor	2[illegible]	−12	20.8	[illegible]	..
11.6m	Pahang Cons	30	−3	3.5b	[illegible]	..
—	Palo Wallsend	415	+30	..	..	..
56.7m	Potgietersrust	146	−7	2.8a	1.9	..
249.2m	Pres Brand	£17¼	+¼	168	9.5	..
134.0m	Pres Steyn	£11	+1	84.0	7.6	..
21.5m	Rand Mine Prop	185	+5	7.5	4.0	..
[illegible]m	Randfontein	£17½	+1½	..	..	..
305.1m	Rand Select	£7⅝	+⅛	42.7	5.7	..
1,4[illegible],000	Rhodesian Corp	17	+1	0.5	4.0	..
3[illegible].1m	Rio Tinto Zinc	176	−3	8.5b	4.8	..
26.7m	Roan Cons 'B'	150	+20	..	..	..
199.7m	St Helena	£[illegible]	+1	166	8.0	..
106.5m	Selection Tst	460	● −5	21.5	4.7	..
42.1m	Sentrust	234	+14	12.0	5.1	..
2,705,000	Silvermines	44	−1	2.4	5.5	..
8,750,000	SA Coal	15⅞	f ..	21.9	2.5	..
6,292,000	SA Land	£1⅞	+⅛	..	..	..
178.7m	Southvaal	£[illegible]	+⅛	5.6	..	..
7,325,000	Sthn Malayan	1[illegible]	● −8	14.5	12.0	..
1,134,000	Sungei Besi	55	..	..f	..	..
27.9m	Tang Cons	15[illegible]	..	9.2	5.7	..
6[illegible],000	Tanjong Tin	46	..	6.7	14.5	..
3,342,000	Tharsis Sulph	300	..	..	..	..
76.7m	Transvaal Cons	£10½	● −2	3[illegible]	2.4	..
6,466,000	Tronoh Mines	45	−2	[illegible]	20.5	..
51.0m	UC Invest	295	+10	[illegible]	5.7	..
243.1m	Union Corp	422	+37	2[illegible]	6.7	..
61.8m	Union Plat	142	−3	2.5	2.0	..
399.0m	Vaal Reefs	£2[illegible]	+1½	109	5.2	..
16.7m	Venterspost	£[illegible]	+¼	41.7	13.2	..
61.8m	Vereen Est.	£2[illegible]½	+¼	86.9b	3.8	..
8,866,000	Wankie Colliery	35	+5	3.3	9.2	..
52.7m	Waterval Plat	142	−6	3.0	2.1	..
29.8m	Welkom	325	+35	26.5	..	..
534.5m	W Driefontein	£27¼	+2½	310	8.2	..
6,162,000	W Rand Cons	145	+9	5.7	3.9	..
120.9m	Western Areas	325	+35	45.5	14.0	..
375.0m	Western Deep	£15	+½	80.2	5.3	..
154.9m	Western Hldgs	£26	+¼	316	12.1	..
243.3m	Western Mining	156	+5	3.9	2.5	..
54.0m	Winkelhaak	£7	+⅞	71.9	10.3	..
44.1m	Zambia Copper	38	..	..	..	..

OIL

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
17.6m	Ampol Pet	60	−2	3.4	5.7	14.7
1,529,000	Attock	36	..	..	..	..
10.9m	Berry Wiggins	54	+5	3.0a	5.5	21.6
5,580,000	Brit Borneo	124	−4	7.9	6.4	17.3
2,012.1m	BP	578	+18	26.5	4.6	4.2
44.6m	Burmah Oil	51	+1	..e	..	..
483.9m	C F Petroles	£22¼	..	102	4.5	5.2
6,090,000	Oil Exploration	58	+1	2.5b	4.3	..
4,121,000	Premier Cons	8	..	..	..	..
—	Ranger Oil	£11⅞	−⅛	..	..	..
—	Reynolds Dv	6¼	..	..	..	..
2,888.8m	Royal Dutch	£2[illegible]¼	+⅝	147	4.6	3.7
1,966.3m	Shell	3[illegible]½	+½	10.7	3.3	4.7
11.7m	Tricentrol	56	+2	..e	..	14.0
67.2m	Ultramar	104	..	..	..	4.4

PROPERTY

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
1,642,000	Allied Ldn	35	● −1	3.5	9.9	6.6
23.4m	Allnatt Ldn	127	+1	4.9	3.9	24.5
10.3m	Amal Inv	14½	..	..	..	..
2,448,000	Apex Props	93	−2	2.5a	2.8	10.2

MISCELLANEOUS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
24.5m	Alumasc/Centry	£10½	+⅛	26.0	2.5	18.9
500,000	Antofagasta	£12	..	..	..	7.5
1,065,000	Calcutta Elec	25	..	9.0	36.0	..
—	E. Surrey W 7%	£41	+1	700	17.1	..
1,127,000	Essex Wtr 5%	£31½	−½	500	15.9	..
4,230,000	Felixstowe Dock	124	h ..	10.0	8.1	27.8
144.5m	Imp Cont Gas	370	+10	12.2b	3.3	22.9
1,122,000	LST Hldgs	115	h ..	3.1	2.7	..
—	Mid Kent Wtr	£31½	−½	500	15.3	..
396,000	Milford Docks	47	−6	..	..	8.9
1,477,000	Nigerian Elec	142	−2	15.0b	10.6	..
—	Sunderland Wtr	£31½	..	500	15.9	..

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

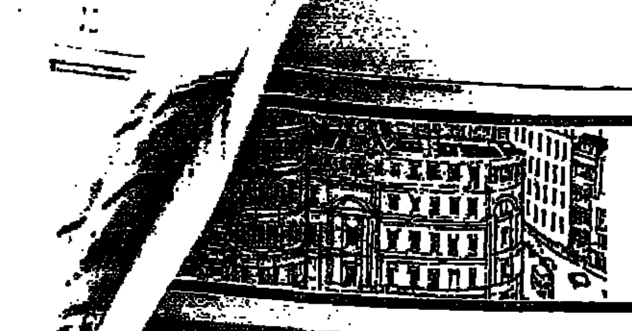
The Times Share Indices for 05.12.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1960)—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Change over week
The Times Industrial Share Index	150.77	6.29	11.79	+2.05
Largest Coys	151.47	6.22	11.59	+2.[illegible]
Smaller Coys	155.68	6.65	11.47	+2.[illegible]
Capital Goods	156.27	6.62	11.69	+2.75
Consumer Goods	174.52	6.24	10.25	+2.[illegible]
Store Shares	120.65	6.94	7.25	+2.20
Largest financial shares	154.50	5.25	—	+2.97
Largest financial and industrial shares	255.05	6.70	—	+2.15
Commodity shares	224.87	4.48	10.71	+6.51
Gold Mining Shares	455.79	7.21	10.45	+25.78
Industrial debenture stocks	77.22	8.05*	—	+0.[illegible]
Industrial preference stocks	50.21	13.55*	—	+0.05
3½% War Loan	23⅝	15.02*	—	..

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High		Low	
All-time	198.47	(15.08.72)	60.1[illegible]	(12.12.74)
1975	158.92	(16.11.75)	61.42	(06.01.75)
1974	1[illegible].13	(26.02.74)	60.13	(12.12.74)
1973	1[illegible].56	(22.01.73)	1[illegible].[illegible]	(14.12.73)
1972	1[illegible].17	(15.08.72)	1[illegible]	(10.01.72)
1971	174.07	(2[illegible].11.71)	1[illegible]	(0[illegible].0[illegible].71)
1970	145.75	(11.01.70)	110.75	(26.05.70)

* Flat interest yield.



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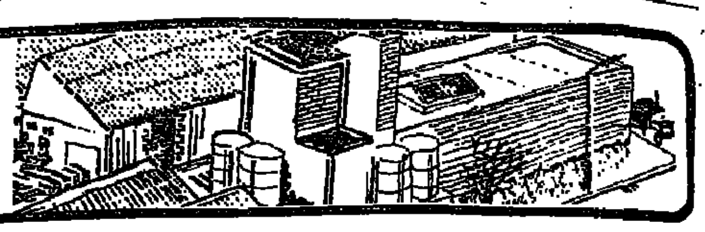


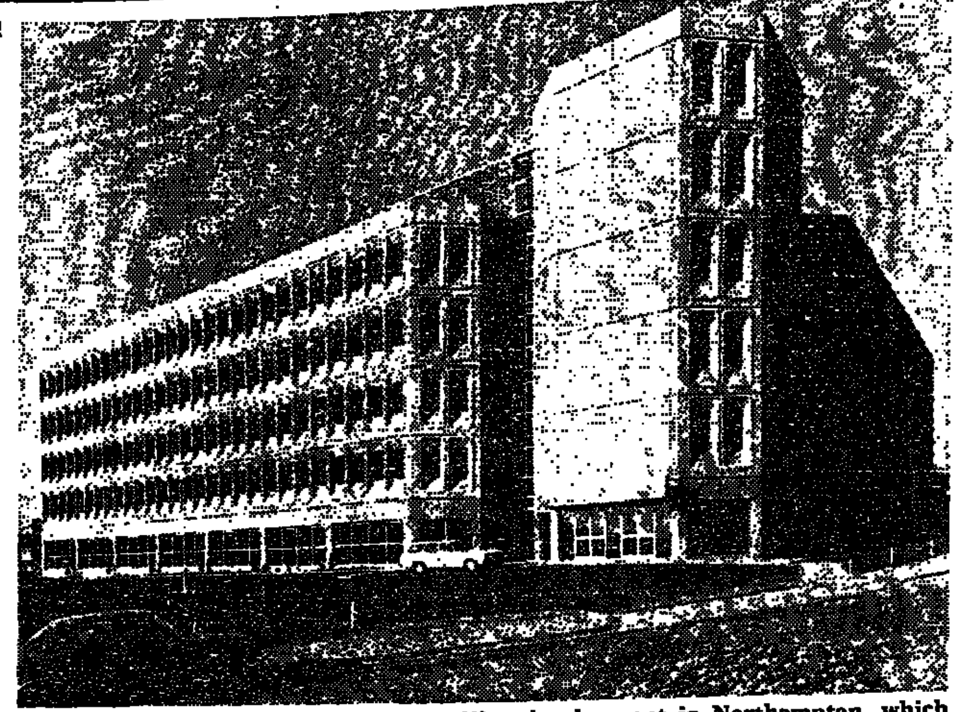
Office plan as a free extra

"Inducements" can take many forms in the property world, particularly when the market is depressed. Commercial Union Properties have come up with an interesting one for their large scheme at 54 Hagley Road, Birmingham, due for completion at the end of next year. They are providing a free office-space planning service to prospective tenants of the building.

To that end they have called in SLS Environetics, of New York and Los Angeles, one of the leading American firms in the field. SLS specialize in obtaining the maximum use of an office area and their service will include a detailed analysis of the tenant's existing and future space requirements. Jobs they have tackled include the 2.2m sq ft Sears Tower in Chicago, and the W. H. Smith headquarters in London.

The Commercial Union scheme will provide a total of 146,700 sq ft in two tower blocks linked by a two-storey building. It will have full air-conditioning, double-glazed and tinted windows, carpeting, and 120 parking spaces within the development. Letting is through Jones Lang Wootton, Leavers, and Edwards Bigwood and Bewlay.

In Northampton, Riverside House, a development carried out by The Land and House Property Corporation, has just been completed. The building was designed by Stone Toms and Partners; it is L-shaped and provides a total of 58,479 sq ft in two wings, one with 30,205 sq ft and the other with 28,274 sq ft. Externally the bronze-tinted solar glazing contrasts with the white precast concrete used in construction. There is a decentralized air-conditioning system to give flexibility in operation and easier sub-division of offices: it is assisted by the L-shape of the building, which gives good natural light penetration.



Riverside House, a newly completed office development in Northampton, which provides more than 58,000 sq ft of space in two wings.

It is hoped that the building will be let to a single tenant, and a rent of £186,000 a year is being asked through Jones Lang Wootton, of London, and Wilson and Partners, of Northampton. Riverside House is on a corner site and gives on to the main Bedford Road, close to the headquarters of the Northampton Development Corporation.

In the City the Corporation of London's new office development known as Bastion House, London Wall, is nearing completion and is available for letting through Debenham Tewson and Chinnocks, or the City Surveyor. The 14-storey building has about 80,990 sq ft of net space, which should be ready for occupation early next year. The tower stands above a pedestrian concourse linked to a surrounding walkway system. The building was designed by Powell and Moya.

A rent of £1m a year exclusive is required from a tenant wishing to lease the entire building, but consideration would be given at present to letting large parts. The rent asked represents a little over £12 a sq ft.

At Hadleigh, in Essex, detailed planning permission has been granted to Countryside Properties for a commercial development, with 33 flats, near the centre of the town in London Road. Negotiations are taking place for the construction of the flats as a scheme for a housing society. The commercial element consists of 26,800 sq ft of offices and a showroom of 11,800 sq ft. The scheme has the benefit of a speculative office development permit and it is hoped to begin work next spring.

Negotiations are in hand for pre-letting the showroom, and the offices will be marketed by Countryside Properties in conjunction with the James Abbott Partnership, of Southend. The design of the building is by David Ruffle Associates, of Chelmsford.

The Lion Yard shops and offices complex in Cambridge was opened officially last week by Princess Anne. It is claimed to be the biggest single redevelopment ever carried out in the centre of the city. It was designed for Ravenseft Properties and the City of Cambridge by Fewster and Partners, and built by Bovis Construction, who combined the work with the construction of a new central library and the renovation and partial rebuilding of the old Guildhall Chambers.

The main Lion Yard redevelopment, named after an hotel that once occupied the site, consists of 54 precinct shops above an underground service road. Many of t shopse give on to the pede trianized Petty Cury; the r open onto covered arcad Above them are three flo giving a total of about 50, sq ft of offices. The sh are fully let. Healey a Baker, of London, and wells, of Cambridge, are agents for the scheme.

Evidence that institutio and pension funds have by means lost their interest property is given by seve recent investment sales. Institutional client of Bern Thorpe and Partners has p £2.6m for the Trident sh ping centre at Dudley, de oped by Trident Hereditame and let to produce an ann income of just over £200, The centre consists of 30 sh and 20,500 sq ft of offi Leavers acted for Trident the sale and development.

A major pension fund r resented by Chestertons exchanged contracts at a fig of £456,000 for the purchase a freehold office developm in Northolt Road, Harr Middlesex. The building completed about a year It has 6,000 sq ft of offi and 2,000 sq ft of residen space and is occupied by B Construction at a rent £40,000 a year. The vend were Sherborne House Prop ties, represented by Edw Gray and Co in the purchase the site, letting and investm sale.

From today Edward Erdn and Co are opening a new C of London office at 23 Coll Hill, Cannon Street, EC4. T firm has been active in the C for some time and is anxi to increase that activity. cent transactions in which has been concerned in area have included propert in Throgmorton Street, W brook, Wardrobe Place, a Minories.

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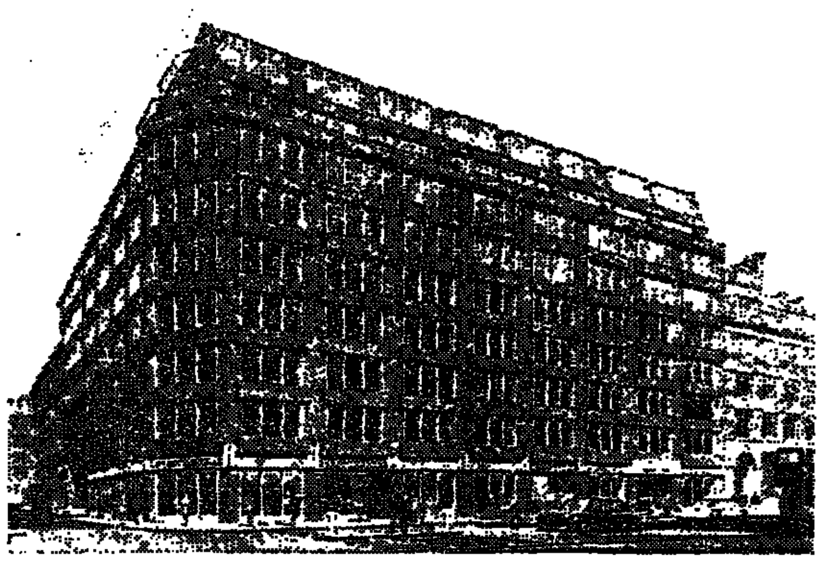

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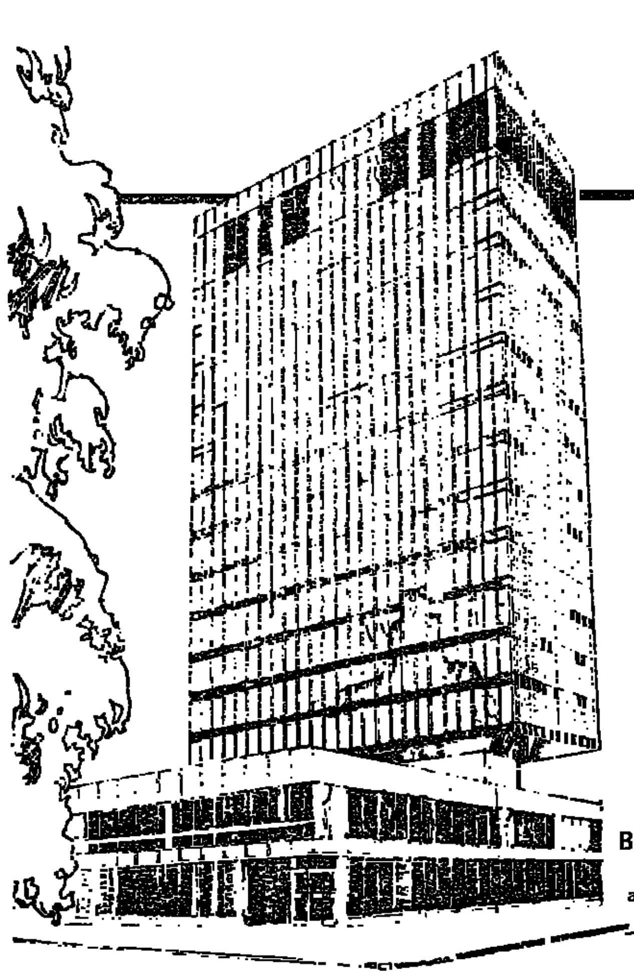

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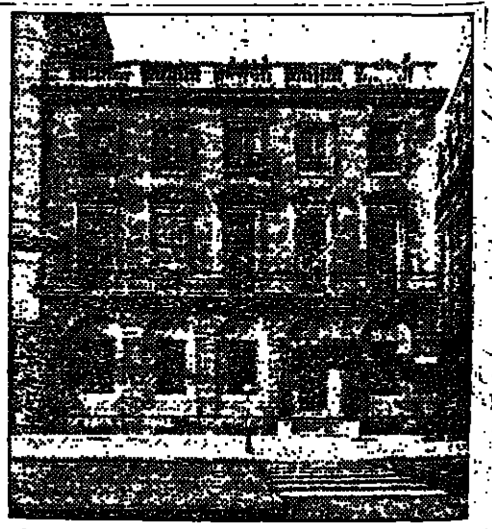

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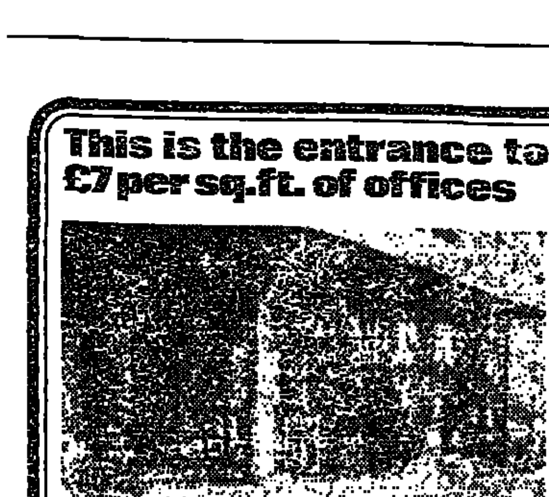

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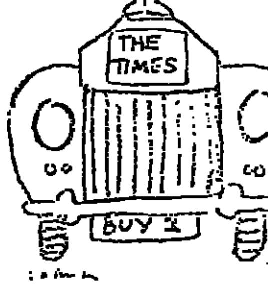

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[illegible]

Dated 1st December 1975.
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CHARITY COMMISSION

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PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT Session 1975-76.
LONDON TRANSPORT

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4. Extension of time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands [illegible] London Transport Acts 1971 and 1973.
5. Continuance in force in their application to the Executive until 14 January 1982 of the provisions of section 57 [illegible] of the British Transport Commission Act 1949.
6. Repeal of section 51 (Penalty for avoiding payment of fares) of the London Passenger Transport Act 1933.
7. Power to the Executive to make and retain microfilm records [illegible]

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No. 00[illegible] of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of WANSTEAD ELECTRICAL Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the [illegible] December 1975, presented to the said Court by [illegible] whose Registered office is at [illegible] London Road, Staines, [illegible], and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2, on Monday, 12th January, 1976, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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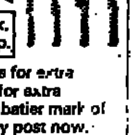

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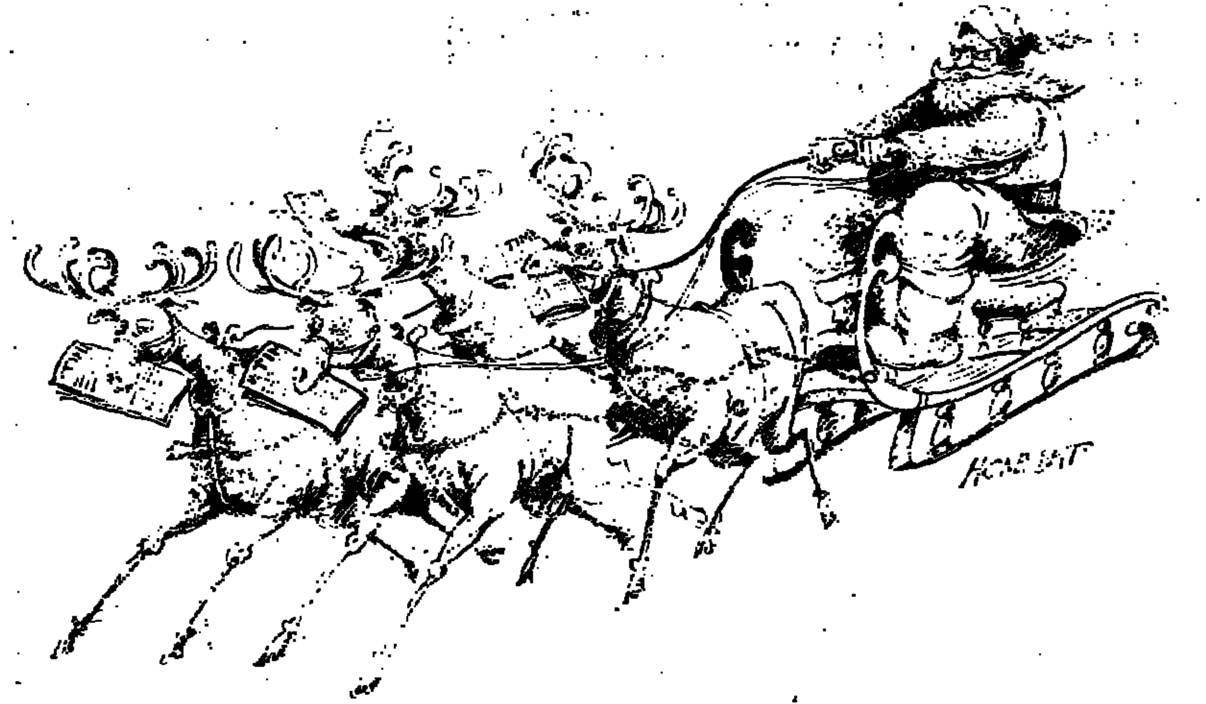

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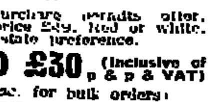

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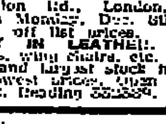

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Applications, giving details of age, qualifications and experience should be received not later than 8th January, 1976, by the Registrar, The University, P.O. Box 147, Liverpool L69 3BX, from whom further particulars can be obtained. Quote ref.: RV/649/T.

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Further information may be obtained from the Secretary of the Appointments Committee, Department of Chemical Engineering, Pembroke Street, Cambridge, CB2 3RA.

University of Liverpool

Department of Metallurgy and Materials Science

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Offers close 17th December, 1975.

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
WEST INDIES WATER AND
SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

INTERNATIONAL NOTICE OF PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CARONI-ARENA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO is embarking upon a programme of water supply improvements collectively known as the Caroni-Arena Water Supply Project. It is expected that the Inter-American Development Bank will be involved in the financing of the project.

Six contracts will be awarded to cover the construction of the major elements and the manufacture and delivery of equipment, pipes and valves. It is anticipated that the six contracts will be executed as follows:—

		SCHEDULED AWARD	END OF CONSTRUCTION
(i)	Pumped Storage Complex	July 1976	April 1979
(ii)	Caroni Water Treatment Plant	July 1976	April 1979
(iii)	Supply of Pipes and Valves	July 1976	June 1979
(iv)	Transmission Pipelines	Jan. 1977	June 1979
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Contractors wishing to tender must prequalify as to:—

(a) Experience in similar work, including other works currently under contract.

(b) Capability with respect to equipment, plant and personnel available for the project works.

(c) Financial standing.

Maximum use of local labour, materials and equipment is most desirable.

The Central Tenders Board hereby invites applications from experienced Firms wishing to prequalify for inclusion in the List of contractors who will be invited to tender for these contracts.

Further information and prequalification Questionnaires may be obtained on application to:—

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Completed prequalification forms must however be returned not later than Thursday, 18th December, 1975, to:—

THE DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTS, Central Tenders Board, Organisation & Management Office Building, Cor. Elizabeth Street and St. Clair Avenue, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, W.I.

It is anticipated that prequalified Firms will be invited to tender for five of the contracts in January 1976 and for the pipeline contract in July, 1976.

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5 News. 6.00, Nationwide.
) The Goodies.
) Angels.
0 Panorama: Sakharov from Moscow, and Would hanging stop terrorism?
) News.
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) am, The Writing Game. 12.30 See It While You Can. 1.00, 1.20, Ulster News Headlines. Thames. 2.00, Women Only. Film, Men Are Not Gods, with ude Lawrence, Rex Harrison. Thames. 5.20, Survival. 5.50, , 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.45, es. 10.30, Monday Night. 12.20 am, Until They Sail. Jean Simmons, Paul New-

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BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 3.00 pm, On the National Health. 3.30-3.55, Representing the Community. 7.05, The Caterers.
7.30 Newsday.
8.10 The Waltons.
9.00 North and South, part 2.
9.50 Chronicle: The Plunderers: Treasure Trail.
10.40 Pulcinella, ballet, music by Stravinsky, with New York City Ballet.
11.15 Newsnight.
11.30-11.35, Gwen Watford reads Alice, by Robert Graves.

Southern

10.00 am, Art of the Bowman. 10.10, Hammy Hamster. 10.20, A Paradise of Islands. 10.50, Untamed World. 11.10, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 11.35, Thames. 12.30 pm, Here Comes the Future. 1.00, News. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, The Brandon Exchange. 3.25, Police Surgeon. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, ATV. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Jane Austen and Her World. 11.00, The Protectors. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, Guideline. 11.45, Farm Progress. 12.10 am, Weather.

Tyne Tees

10.55 am, Starting Point. 11.00, Rex the Dog. 11.05, Western Civilization. 11.30, Thames. 12.30 pm, Mum's the Word. 1.00, Thames. 1.30, Mary Tyler Moore. 2.00, House Call. 2.30, Film, Zero Hour, with Dana Andrews, Linda Darnell.* 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Emmerdale Farm. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, Police Call. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Sportstime Variety Club Award Dinner. 11.15, Happy Anniversary and Goodbye. 11.45, Epilogue.

Border

10.35 am, Gilbert and Sullivan: Iolanthe. 11.30, Thames. 12.30 pm, Galloping Gourmet. 1.00, News. 1.20, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Film: Elopement, with Clifton Webb, Anne Francis. Charles Bickford.* 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Man About the House. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.15, Survival. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Film: Keeper of the Flame, with Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn.* 12.15 am, Border News.

HTV

10.20 am, Hammy Hamster. 10.35, Sesame Street. 11.30, Thames. 12.30 pm, Survival. 1.00, News. 1.20, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Film: Houston, We've Got a Problem, with Robert Culp, Clu Gulager, Sandra Dee. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Talk of the Devil. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.22, Report Wales. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Film: Taste the Blood of Dracula, with Christopher Lee, Geoffrey Keen. 12.10 am, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 2.00-2.30, Hamdden. 6.01-6.22, Y Dydd. 8.30-9.00, Yr Wythnos. HTV WEST.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.22-6.45, Report West.

Thames

10.00 am, Felix the Cat. 10.10, Film: Bright Eyes, with Shirley Temple.* 11.30, Second City—First Citizen. 12.00, Noddy. 12.10 pm, Mr Trimble. 12.30, Kreskin. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Emmerdale Farm. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Film: Small Miracle, with Vittorio de Sica, Marco Della Cava, Raf Vallone. 3.55, General Hospital. 4.25, Clapperboard. 4.50, Rogue's Rock. 5.20, Man About the House.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.45 Opportunity Knocks!
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 The Cuckoo Waltz.
8.30 World in Action.
9.00 Play: Jenny Can't Work any Faster.
10.00 News.
10.30 Arts Bazaar.
11.00 Barnaby Jones.
11.55 Ideas in Print, with Alan Sillitoe.

* Black and white.

Scottish

11.00 am, Anna and The King. 11.30, Thames. 12.30 pm, Yellow House. 1.00, News. 1.25, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Film, The Love Goddesses, with Marlene Dietrich, Lillian Gish, Gloria Swanson, Greta Garbo, Jean Harlow.* 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Man about the House. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Crimedesk. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Late Call. 10.35, Scotland Today—Scotland Tomorrow. 11.20-11.50, The Scottish Soldier.

ATV

10.40 am, Documentary, John Grierson. 11.35, Les Bicyclettes de Belsize. 12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Out of Town. 1.00, News. 1.20, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film, Viva Las Vegas, with Elvis Presley, Ann Margret. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Batman. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Platform for Today. 11.15-12.15 am, The Collaborators.

Granada

9.30 am, Sesame Street. 10.30, Cartoon. 10.45, The Land. 11.10, The Nature of Things. 12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Galloping Gourmet. 1.00, News. 1.20, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film, Dave King and Robert Morley in Go to Blazes. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Supersonic. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.40, Thames. 10.30, On The Road. 11.15, Command Performance. 12.15-12.45 am, Untamed World.

Yorkshire

11.00 am, Hammy Hamster. 11.10, Catch Kandy. 11.35, Woobinda. 12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Here Comes the Future. 1.00, News. 1.20, Calendar News. 1.30, Mary Tyler Moore. 2.00, Thames. 2.30, Film: Zero Hour, with Dana Andrews, Linda Darnell. Sterling Hayden.* 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Emmerdale Farm. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, New York, New York: To Hell with New York. 11.00-11.35, The FBI.

Radio

1

6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 4.30, D.L.T. 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, Sam Costa. 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, The Impressionists. 7.30, Band Parade. 8.30, Alan Dell. 10.02, Humphrey Lyttelton. 11.00, John Peel. 12.00-12.05 am, News.
† stereo.

2

6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing bulletin). 9.02, Harry Carpenter.† (10.30, Jimmy Young). Waggoners' Walk. 11.30, Jean Challis.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, Sam Costa.† 5.45, Radio 1. 11.02, David Bellan (1,500m). 12.00-12.05, News.

3

7.00 am, News. 7.05, Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Rimsky Korsakov, Tchaikovsky.† 9.00, News. 9.05, C. P. E. Bach.† 9.55, Benjamin Howells, Bliss.† 10.55, Talking About Music.† 11.25 Academy of the BBC, part 1: Schubert. Richard Rodney Bennett, Mendelssohn.† 12.10 pm, In Short: Andrew Timothy. 12.20, Concert, part 2: Beethoven.† 1.00, News. 1.05, BBC Lunchtime Concert: Beethoven, Brahms.† 2.05, Matinee Musicale.† 3.05, Organ recital, St Clement Dane's: Brahms, Reger, Johann Nepomuk David.† 3.45, Stereo Release: Purcell, Couperin, Carl Kohaut.† 4.55, Bandstand.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Families in Crisis. 7.00, Learning to Read.

7.30, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: Dvorak, Shostakovich.† 8.15, The Teapot and the Samovar. Turgenev's visits to England. 8.50, Premieres: Luciano Berio.† 10.20, Sound Poetry: International Festival. 10.50, Bach Cantata No 40.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News and more of Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.45, Windmills of Your Mind, talk. 9.00, News. 9.05, Richard Baker. 10.00, News. 10.05, Wildlife. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Any Questions? 11.50, Announcements. 12.00, News. 12.02, You and Yours. 12.27, Desert Island Discs. 12.55, Weather. 1.00 pm, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen With Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play, Wobble to Death. 4.35, Story. Victory. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.

6.00, News. 6.15, Many a Slip. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News. 7.30, A Child in the Forest. 8.00, Play, Devil Take Ye. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime, Charlie by Alan Bower. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

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[illegible] 4th December, 1975.

COOKE.—[illegible] Cottage, Howe Green, [illegible], to Hilary and Roger [illegible]—a son (Thomas William [illegible]), a brother for James and [illegible] Beth.

[illegible]SON.—On December 3rd, at Central Middlesex Hospital, London, to Roslyn and Louis—a son (Scott Robert).

CORBETT.—On 5th December to Philippa (née Mees) and John—a son (Nicholas John Mackinnon), a brother for Christopher.

CUNDY.—On December 5th, to Nicola and Jonathan—a son (Jack William).

LOCKERY.—On Saturday, December 6, 1975, at St. George's Hospital, London, to Thelma and Graeme—a son.

VERBEEK-de JONGH.—On December 4th at the Westminster Hospital, to Wendelien and Aart—a daughter (Judith Arendine).

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MARRIAGE

COOK: RODGERS.—On December 5, Patrick Cook to Margaret, younger daughter of Doctor and Mrs. J. W. Rodgers of Brayford.

DEATHS

ABELL. — Peacefully, following a short illness on December [illegible], Edith Mary, beloved sister of John De Hutton and aunt of Derek De Hutton. Cremation Golders Green 1.[illegible] p.m., Tuesday, December [illegible]. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 152 Preston Road, W.10 6TH. [illegible] 3277.

AGNEW, FRANK CECIL THORN.—On Friday, December 5, peacefully in his sleep, aged [illegible], at home, Greywalls, Maidenhead. Memorial service at St. Joseph's, Cookham Road, Maidenhead, at 10 a.m. tomorrow (Tuesday).

ALLEN.—On December 4th, John Dryden Culhbone, of Radnils Manor, Swyncombe, peacefully at St. George's Hospital. Much loved husband of Varenne and father and friend of Caroline, Jonathan, Timothy and Sophie. Dearly beloved son of Mrs. J. J. C. Allen and the late Captain J. J. C. Allen, O.B.E. Funeral at Swyncombe Church, Friday, December 12th at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the Cardiac Research Fund at St. George's Hospital, London, S.W.1.

BARR.—On 5th December, Walter, formerly Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of George Wimpey & Co. Ltd. Funeral private, Thursday, 11th December. Family flowers only. Memorial service in January, date to be announced.

BRENAN.—On December 1, 1975 in Hawkhurst, and formerly of Chamulins, Ewhurst, Marjorie Winifrede, widow of Terence Vincent Brenan and sister of Gwen Harrison-Lewder. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday, December 10, at 11.30 a.m. No flowers please.

DEATHS

BRIDGES.—On December 5th, 1975, Claude Ebbitts, aged 85, of Barnet and Worthing, Barrister-at-Law. Husband of the late Lilian (née Pinsford), father of Derrick, father-in-law of Marie and grandfather of Rosemarie and Richard, brother to Dora Middleton and uncle to Esther Marais of Johannesburg and Rectol, Helen and Jonathan Rosker, of Barnet. Formerly headmaster of the Manorside School, Finchley, then Assistant Education Officer to Middlesex County Council and afterwards Director to the Society of British Paint Manufacturers. Service at Golders Green Crematorium at 3 p.m. on Friday, December 12th. Family flowers only, if desired donations to Imperial Cancer Research, Lincolns Inn, W.C.2 or Good Shepherd Mission, 17, Three Colts Lane, Bethnal Green, E.2.

BURGE.—On Saturday, November 22nd, 1975, whilst on holiday in Spain, Barbara Mary Isabel Burge, M.B.E., of The Bridge, Portsmouth Rd., Camberley, widow of Bernard John Burge. Dearly loved mother of Jasmine. Requiem mass on Friday, December 12th, 10 a.m. at St. Tarcisius Church, London Rd., Camberley. Followed by interment in St. Peter's churchyard, Frimley. All friends welcome. The church and afterwards at Camberley Bridge, Portsmouth Rd., Camberley. No flowers by request but donations please to R.N.L.I. or Cancer Relief.

CROWTHER.—On 5th December, [illegible], Huddersfield, [illegible] St. Stephen's, [illegible], Lindley, [illegible] on Tuesday, [illegible] at 2 p.m., followed by [illegible] family [illegible] at Edgerton Cemetery [illegible] and close friends [illegible] Ltd., [illegible] Crowther [illegible] December, Gil-[illegible].

DAISY.—On [illegible] Devon Road, [illegible] on Wednesday, [illegible] Epsom Cemetery [illegible] No flowers or letters [illegible] own request.

[illegible] December 3rd.

HARTER.—Suddenly and peacefully, [illegible], of Coleshill Cottage, [illegible], Betty [illegible]ham, very dearly loved [illegible] late husband [illegible], her children Penny [illegible], Jo (Gill), Andrew and [illegible] by her grandchildren, and [illegible]. Funeral service at Chal-[illegible] St. Giles Parish Church, at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, 12th December, followed by private cremation. Flowers to Cooks Funeral Service, 72 Broad Street, Chesham, Bucks.

HARTLEY.—On 4th December, peacefully at home, Nina, widow of A. Clifford Hartley, C.B.E., much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral private. Memorial Service at St. John's Church, West Byfleet, on Saturday, 13th December, at 12 noon. No flowers please, but donations if wished to St. John's, West Byfleet or to Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, S.W.1.

HOOPER.—On December 5, 1975, at Sinclair Lodge, Worthing, Mary Gwendolen in her 98th year, widow of John Glass Hooper and beloved mother of Derek and John. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on December 10th at 3 p.m.

ILES.—On 5th December, 1975, at Poole General Hospital, Edith Aretha (Anna), widow of R. V. Iles and daughter of the late P. F. I. Talbot, dear sister of Marjorie Cromartie. Funeral private. No flowers, please. Loving and Beloved.

LEIGH, SAMUEL PRESTON.—On Saturday, December 6, 1975, passed peacefully away, at Linton Hospital, aged 80. Husband of the late Joyce Leigh, of Nether Milgate, Bearsted, near Maidstone. Will always be remembered with affection by Tony, Sheelagh, Guy, Julie and Nicky. Service and Committal at Vinters Park Crematorium, Maidstone, at 11.30 a.m., Thursday, December 11. Flowers and enquiries to D. W. Freeman & Son, Ltd., 10 Sandling Road, Maidstone, Kent. Telephone 55[illegible].

MARDLING.—On December 4th, peacefully, Edward Thomas, of Conifers, 26 Rose Walk, Purley, Surrey. Deeply mourned by his wife Cis, his brothers George, Tom, Dick, in laws Phyl and Len and their families. Funeral service at St. Marks Church, Woodcote, Purley, on Wednesday, December 10th at 12.30 p.m. Flowers and inquiries to Ebbutt Funeral Service, Croydon. Tel. 01-688 [illegible]. Please, no letters.

MARTIN. — On December 5th peacefully at home, Horace Frederick Martin, M.C., in his 87th year. Beloved husband of Phyllis and father of John, Jill and Richard. Funeral family only. Please, no flowers, but if desired donations to the Bank Clerk's Orphans Fund, c/o Barclays Bank Ltd., [illegible] Kings Street, Reading.

MILES.—On 6th December at Eastbourne, William Henry Miles, younger son of the late Sir Henry Miles, Baronet, of Leigh Court, [illegible] and dearly loved father of [illegible] and Pamela. Cremation private.

NECKER.—On December 5, 1975 in a Sevenoaks nursing home, [illegible] Necker, M.D., formerly of Sevenoaks Hospital. Funeral service, Requiem Mass at St. Thomas R.C. Church, Sevenoaks, Thursday, December 11 at noon, followed by cremation. Enquiries to Hodges & Co., Sevenoaks 5[illegible].

OGDEN.—On December 6th 1975, Major Ronald Charles, aged 8[illegible], beloved husband of the late Eileen Ogden. Funeral Thursday, 11th December, at St. Mary's, Bryanston Square, W.1. at 12 noon followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 152 Preston Road, W.10.

OSTREP.—On 3rd December 1975, peacefully at Cannes, South of France, Maurice, brother of The [illegible]. Cremation at Woking St. John's Crematorium, on Thursday, 11th December at 3 p.m. Floral tributes and all inquiries to F. Harrison and Son, 40 Harvest Rd., Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. Tel.: Egham [illegible].

OXBURY.—On December 6th, at Oxford, Helen, beloved and [illegible] wife of [illegible] Oxbury, Horton-cum-Studley.

REED.—On December 6, 1975, peacefully, at Littlehampton, Sussex, aged 84 years, Cecil Herbert, formerly of The Club House, Tyrrells Wood, Leatherhead. Dearly loved father of Geoffrey, Robert and the late Joy. Family flowers only please and all enquiries to F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, Sussex. Tel.: Littlehampton 3[illegible].

DEATHS

SIDWELL.—On December 5th, 1975, peacefully, Harriet, dear mother of Dalo. Funeral Wednesday, December 10th. Private service, St. Johns Crematorium, Woking, at 10.30 a.m. Flowers and inquiries to Cyril H. Lovegrove, 52 Guildford [illegible], Woking. Telephone [illegible].

STEWARD.—On December [illegible], 1975, after a short illness, [illegible] Salisbury Hospital, [illegible] General Reginald Herbert [illegible] Steward, aged 77, [illegible] and House, Winterslow, [illegible] deeply loved husband, [illegible] grandfather. Funeral [illegible] at All Saints Church, [illegible] private on Friday, [illegible] only. 11.0 a.m., [illegible] December, cremation, [illegible] Charles, of [illegible].

THOMAS.—On [illegible] Cirencester, 1975, David [illegible] of Christina, Fur[illegible], Adrian, and suddenly [illegible] son of Mr. [illegible] Thomas, of Ful[illegible] Arabella, [illegible] St. Mary, and Mrs. [illegible] Funeral private at [illegible] church, [illegible].

THORNTON.—[illegible] known and [illegible] by all as "Dottie" [illegible] suddenly in St. Stephens [illegible], Fulham, on December [illegible]. Cremation at Breakspeare Crematorium, Ruislip, at 3.30 [illegible] on Wednesday, December [illegible]. Flowers to Charles Liwin, [illegible] Road, Harrow.

WATSON.—On 4th December, 1975, peacefully at his house, "Posters", Oxford Road, Frilford, Oxon, Herbert Francis Watson, aged 68 years, dearly loved husband of Lilian May and father of Barbara and Mary. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 10th December, 1975 (relations and close friends, please), followed by a Thanksgiving service at the Wesley Methodist Memorial Church, New Hall St., Oxford, at 11.45 a.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to M.I.C.O.O.I. Graham Gilt Fund, 40 Fountain St., Manchester 2.

WORSTER.—On 4th December, at her home, Laburnum Cottage, Pheasants Hill, Hambleden, Henley-on-Thames, quite suddenly after taking her dogs for a walk, Jane Hilda, the much loved mother of Michael and friend to many. Cremation private at her own request.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MACNEIL.—A memorial service for Dr. Archibald Torcull Macneil, M.D., F.R.C.O.G. will be held at St. Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, on Thursday, 11th December, at 2 p.m.

POLLITZER.—A thanksgiving service for the life of Dr. Sebastian Charles Pollitzer will be held at Westminster Synagogue, Kent House, Rutland Gardens, S.W.7, on Tuesday, December 9th, at 5 for 5.15 p.m.

WALLACE.—A memorial service for Alexander Falconer Wallace will be held at St Helens, Bishopsgate on Wednesday, 10th December at 12 noon.

WEAL. A memorial service for Stanley de P. Weal will be held at the West London Synagogue, 34 Upper Berkeley St., London, W.1. on Tuesday, 9th December, at 6.30 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

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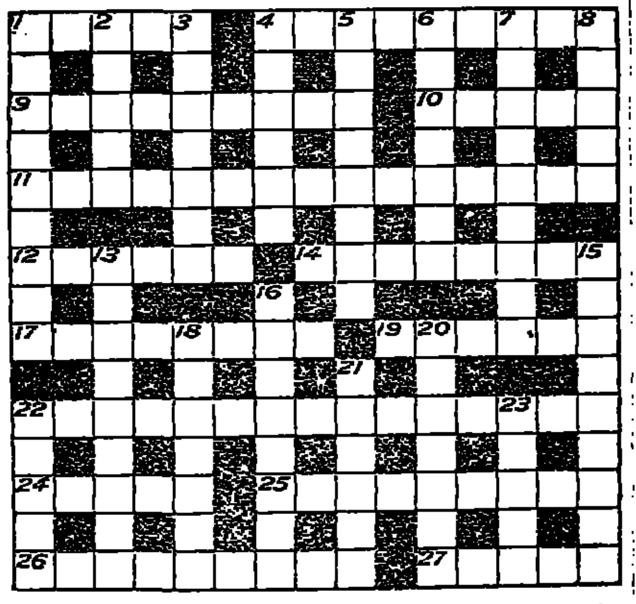

ACROSS

1 What artist's models strike while still working ? (5).
4 Parts—of a lady's wardrobe ? (9).
9 In dialect it might be the same (9).
10 View point in the Life of Caesar (5).
11 How are the mighty fallen ! David's D-notice (4, 2, 3, 2, 4).
12 Combine after note issue (6).
14 Uncalled for, and tries the patience of a saint (5)
17 Try to celebrate all round —by stripping ? (8).
19 Like the Old Man in a tree's bee (6).
22 Elements of literature—exact reference (7, 3, 5).
24 He lay in a cowslip's bell—sounds heavenly ! (5).
25 The oldest profession—a hobby with Flora (9).
26 Some men join in order to live there (9).
27 Filters—consult the footnote (5).

DOWN

1 Tip, without being blunt (9).
2 Mean time ? (5).
3 The environment is going down . . . (7).
4 . . . in a worse condition —support needed (6).
5 Heads going round occupied with artistic affairs (8).
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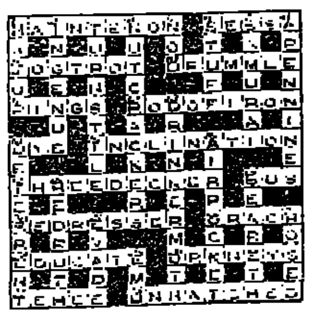

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